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THE state Baptist convention meets in Thomasville on the 20th of April. The people of that city are hospitable, and the Baptist church there has already appointed a committee of arrangements with the venerable S. Alexander Smith at its head.

COLUMBUS TIMES: We are glad to know that the legislature has passed the bill authorizing stenographers to be appointed by the judges of the superior courts. Their compensation for taking testimony is the same as now given, but they charge their own prices for taking testimony, charges, &c., in civil cases. They are court officers, and sworn in as others. This law actually saves hundreds of dollars annually to the county, in the speedy transaction of business. Under our old system the witness was stopped at the end of every half dozen words to allow the reporter to catch up. The appointment is left with the judge of the circuit. For this circuit Judge Crawford will have the appointment. We think it will be a remunerative office, for aside from that compensation allowed by the county, the lawyers will pay handsomely for correct reports of testimony and the judge's charge. Aside from expediting business, it will save the court and lawyers a vast deal of annoyance to the judge and lawyers, when they disagree.

James Gordon Bennett's Marriage.

New York Sun.

While attending a stylish party in Madison avenue in November last, Mr. James Gordon Bennett, of the Herald, met Miss Ida May, formerly of Baltimore, but then and now of New York. Miss May is tall and of rather slight build. She has brilliant black eyes and dark wavy hair, as well as a pure complexion, the envy of half the society belles of the city. She is just nineteen years of age, and has been out about a year. She is the daughter of a retired New York banker, and niece of Dr. May, a Washington physician. She is also connected by family ties with the Delriches, Livingstons, Hones, and the De Peysters.

Mr. Bennett, who has been engaged twice before, once to the daughter of an ex-governor of this state, and once to a well known Cuban society belle, had not known Miss May many days before he succumbed to her charms of person, manner and mind, and became regularly engaged to her.

Mr. Bennett recently ordered for his fiancee at Tiffany's an elegant jewel case filled with the most valuable jewels, from a tiara to fingerrings and earrings. The wedding will take place in the third week in April, and it is expected to be the most brilliant seen in this country for a long time.

For The Constitution.

Ex-Comptroller Thweatt's Claim.

One of the painful evidences of the demoralization which pervades society in general, is the action of the house of representatives in refusing to pass the bill to allow ex-Comptroller General Thweatt to go before the courts of the state and test the question whether the state was indebted to him for services rendered as comptroller general.

No one denies that he rendered the service for which he asks payment; and no one who is acquainted with the history of Georgia for the past quarter of a century, can deny that he elevated the office of comptroller general from the most important office in the gubernatorial cabinet. The statistics of the social and industrial interests of the state, which have been given to the world through the wise and energetic official action of Mr. Thweatt, have attracted the attention and gained the favorable notice of political economists everywhere. And it is no dispargement to his successors in the office of comptroller general to the state that they have endeavored to walk in his footsteps, and to give in their annual reports valuable statistics which would never have been brought to light but for the example set them by Mr. Thweatt.

But returning to the subject matter of this article, let us see how the representatives of the people of Georgia stand in the light of simple honesty and justice. Mr. Thweatt served the state as comptroller general with a fidelity and ability which (wishing to make no invidious comparisons) gained for him the universal approbation of the people.

During the war he received for his salary the treasury notes of the state, which on their face provided that they should be received for all sums due the state (say taxes, etc.) or at the option of the holder should be taken up by the issue of state bonds. Mr. Thweatt, having confidence in the honesty and good faith of the people of his native state, took from the state treasurer, in payment of his salary, these state treasury notes, with the avowed purpose (which is substantiated by the treasurer) that he would hold them and subsequently exchange them for state bonds. He held the state treasury notes received for his salary, during the whole term of the Bullock regime (when he could no doubt have got the greenbacks for the amount of his treasury notes with but little trouble) and only presented his claim when the true and rightful legislature of his state had come into power again. Well, what is the result of his highminded and honorable course. The legislature of Georgia refuses to allow him even the poor privilege of having his claim adjudicated by the courts of the state, although there is hardly an instance (if any at all) where a citizen of the state has been refused this privilege.

The case of ex-Comptroller General Thweatt has a much larger significance than that of the rights or wrongs of a single individual. It is a matter that comes home to the moral sense of the whole people of Georgia. In truth the question comes up whether the legislature of the state is to be sustained in the role of repudiators of honest debts, or whether the people will rise in their might and rebuke those who have presumed to think that the people of Georgia would refuse to pay a just debt.

JUSTICE.

—Story of the wife of Thomson, the dynamite fiend; "To me he was always known as William Thomson. Under that name he married me, and by it he was known to all the acquaintances he made on the continent. He seemed averse to speaking much of his early life, but he gave me to understand that he was born in Brooklyn and that his people lived in Petersburg, Va. His father, he said, was English, his mother Scotch, and of her I have frequently heard him speak in terms of the greatest affection and reverence. Once, however, he told me that his name was Alexander, and that he was lead to conceal it from being engaged in blockade-running at the time of the war. He always spoke of the sea and military life as if he had been conversant with them, but I fancy his knowledge of both was somewhat superficial. Of his means and resources I knew little. He was never engaged in any business to my knowledge, but I am disposed to believe [illegible]

REPUBLICANISM OF TO-DAY

Vindicated by the Leading Political Journals on the South.

The Centennial Brandy Vetoed.

AN INVITATION.
Chicago Inter-Ocean.

We have received an invitation from Georgia, signed by C. O. Hammock, mayor of Atlanta; Daniel C. Crane, president of the Atlanta board of trade; James M. Smith, governor of Georgia, and others, asking us to join in a friendly trip through that state, South Carolina, etc., as the guest of the parties mentioned. The invitation says:

"We desire to have a visit from you as of old; to have you mix with us, see us in our homes and in our public and private places. We frankly admit that our chief object in inviting representative citizens of the liberal west is, that they may see and examine for themselves not only our vast resources, but more especially to have them the better understand the friendly feeling existing among our people toward our northern brethren, with the further hope of setting at rest forever the clamors so often raised and kept alive by misrepresentations made because of a want of knowledge of the facts."

The Inter-Ocean has taken more than one occasion to speak favorably of Georgia and its great possibilities. It has been truly named the empire state of the south. It is fortunate in the possession of a population more closely resembling the active, ambitious, and go-ahead citizens of the east and west than any other southern state. Its resources are immense, and, luckily, a fair proportion of its citizens are determined to develop these resources and make their advantages known to the world. Knowing all this, the Inter-Ocean has been amazed to see the backwardness of the people of Georgia in accepting the results of the war, and putting out of sight the system that has hitherto hung like a millstone around their necks. For Georgia, though in some degree removed from the bane of slavery, cannot forget the former status of the colored man. We feel bound to say that the late slaves of that state are ostracised politically almost as much as they are in Mississippi. There is no freedom of the ballot for them in Georgia. Of this we complain. For this we blame those who so kindly invite us to share their hospitality. But the committee say: "Come and examine for yourselves." How? When? We know quite well what these gay jaunts amount to. Shall those who consume a brief week in the company of hospitable gentlemen, making a tour through a section so vast-presume on the knowledge thus gained to speak, advisedly on the social and political status of the laborers of the south? The idea is absurd. We should meet and be delightfully entertained by the enterprising citizens of that commonwealth. We should have pointed out to us the beauties and advantages of that great section which, ere long, must figure so largely in our economic system. We should be pleased and instructed, without doubt; but should we know more of the oppression and injustice of going down into the humble life where this injustice is felt, and judging of the truth or error of the complaints which reach us? From the very nature of the case this is impossible. Whatever the results commercially and socially of this trip, therefore, it is idle to say that it will set forever at rest the "clamors so often raised because of a want of knowledge of the facts." While we thus express ourselves regarding the information to be gained, or rather not to be gained on this point, we confess to a feeling of admiration for the public spirit manifested by the gentlemen originating the tour, and we almost see in those exhibitions of enterprise signs of a better future, a larger liberality, and a wiser administration of justice in the great state of Georgia. So long, however, as Toombs confesses in the presence of the legislature of that state that colored men are deprived of the privileges conferred by the constitution, and is rewarded by the cheers of his auditors, the conviction remains that this era of unsettling and unfeeling has not yet arrived. Georgia must do something beside arrange junketing tours, however pleasant these may be to convince the north that she accepts unequivocally the results of the war, and is prepared to abide sincerely by the laws of the land.

SOUTHERN POLITICS.
N. Y. Times.

Those of our readers who took the trouble to glance at the speech of Senator Gordon, of Georgia, we venture to say, were somewhat surprised at the bitterness of its tone. The senator is the ablest man in congress from the south, and has always professed to be extremely moderate. He declares in his speech that "no man looks with more intensity and anxiety to the day when this country shall no longer be under the dominion of hate, and when the whole people, from ocean to ocean shall be united, peaceful, hopeful, and happy." "But what encouragement," he asks, "if this administration [that is, a republican administration] is to last, have we to hope for such a future?" We are inclined to think that candid men may find as much to hope for the whole country from a republican administration as from a democratic one. Senator Gordon sees fit to charge the republican party with responsibility for all the evils which the south has suffered. But is this just? And is the future of the south, with a republican national government, to be fairly inferred from a partial view of the worst features of the past? We think not.

In the first place, we do not believe that the opponents of the republican party habitually have in mind the people of the south, including both races and all classes, when they speak of what they can do for that section. It is obvious to any disinterested cutsider, that, in one way or another, the policy to be pursued toward the negroes is one of the most important elements in the future of the south. We do not refer to any sentimental claims which this class has upon the nation. We waive, for the moment, all consideration of the reparation which is their due for the incalculable wrongs which they have suffered, or for their patient fidelity to the national cause when Gen. Gordon was in rebellion. We refer wholly to the influence for good or evil which the colored race is to have upon the welfare of the states in which it is placed. The race now possess the right of suffrage, and of this it can never be permanently deprived, either directly or indirectly. For the time being, its voters may be repressed, but sooner or later they will exert an enormous power, which in the hands of ignorant men, will be wielded by demagogues, to the injury of the society of which they form a part. There is only one way in which this calamity can be prevented, or we may say remedied. That is by the education of the negroes, by fair dealing with them in the business relations of life, and by presenting them steady examples of good sense and good character in public life. Is this the policy of the democrats of the south? Granted that, on the whole, they mean to present honorable examples in public life, are the other objects which we have mentioned, and which are quite as important, prime ones with Senator Gordon's party? We should like to be able to believe it.

Again, Senator Gordon, as we have said, lays on the republican party all the blame for misgovernment in the south. But the people of the north have not forgotten, nor can the southern people have done so wholly, the incidents of the period during which the reconstruction act was passed. There was a strong element in the republican party ready to recognize in the white people of the south the proper ruling power of that section, providing any reasonable security could be found that the results of the war would be practically respected. But what evidence was afforded that any such security existed? President Johnson, immediately after the war, inaugurated state governments which might probably have continued in power, irregular as they were in their origin, if they had not shown themselves utterly incapable of understanding what the country expected and required of the south. These governments made haste to restore the substance and effect of slavery, while respecting its nominal abolition. The "black laws" of 1865-6 will not soon be forgotten by those who have ever studied them. Nor were other signs lacking of a spirit which was far from promising peace and harmony in the daily relations of race. We have no desire to rake over old fires, but surely Gen. Gordon will not deny that there are "horrid recollections" for the union men, as well as for the ex-confederates, to turn their backs upon. The history of the state of Louisiana is the "simple" tyranny to which the orators of the Georgia school constantly point; but there are chapters in that history dark as [illegible] as bad as corruption, for [illegible] democrats of the south [illegible] aroused

BANGOR'S FEAST.

The Maine Democrats Invite Ben H. Hill to Break Bread With Them.

Which Mr. Hill Answers in a Masterly Plea for Concession.

The democrats of Bangor will celebrate the one hundred and forty-fourth anniversary of the birth of Washington, by a supper at the Bangor house, on Tuesday evening, February 22, 1876.

You are cordially invited to be present and participate in the festivities of the occasion.

The reception committee will be in attendance at the parlors and reception rooms of the Bangor House, at 8 o'clock.

The supper will be served promptly at nine o'clock.

MARCELLUS EMERY,
JOSEPH P. BASS,
FREDERIC M. LAUGHTON,
Committee on Invitations.

BANGOR, Feb. 14, 1876.

To Hon. Benj. H. Hill, M. C.

Accompanying the above invitation was the following private note from a prominent Maine democrat which elicited Mr. Hill's reply:

BANGOR, ME., Feb. 14, 1876.

MY DEAR SIR—Should your congressional duties prevent your acceptance of the enclosed invitation, can you not favor us by letter with such words of counsel and cheer as your feelings may prompt?

Our celebration will be attended by the prominent democrats of our state and by leading democratic members of the legislature, and it is designed as the beginning of an organization and effort which, we trust, will be fruitful of good results in our next September election.

Your effective answer to Blaine has made you hosts of friends among the democrats of Maine, and there is no man from the south from whom they would more gladly hear than from the representative of the ninth district of Georgia.

Yours truly,

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON, D. C.,
February 19, 1876.

GENTLEMEN:—I have received your very kind letter of the 14th instant, informing me that "the democrats of Bangor will celebrate the one hundreth and forty-fourth anniversary of the birth of Washington, by a supper at the Bangor house on Tuesday evening, February 22d, 1876," and cordially inviting me "to be present and participate in the festivities of the occasion."

It is a matter of painful regret that my duties here will not allow me the gratification of being with you. I was never north of the Savannah river until after the late fratricidal war began, and I was never in a northern state until after that war (of arms) was ended. And yet I know I do not entertain a political sentiment, feeling, or desire, that would not find a cordial response from every true patriotic union man of every party in those northern states. That great constitutional system, embracing state and federal governments, which makes our American union, is regarded, and has been regarded, by me, as the grandest contribution ever made by human intellect and patriotism to the science of government and the welfare of man. With all the earnestness of my nature, I opposed secession; a war of subjugation and reconstruction, for the same reason, and that reason was, because I believed they were each and all terribly inimical to the preservation of that glorious constitutional system. I have submitted to each, as each in its turn took its place in our history as accomplished fact; precisely as I submitted to the death of my father—only from necessity and never from choice. While my humble record will disclose the severest invective of which I was capable against each of these errors and heresies, no delver in personal records can ever find a single line, word or syllable ever uttered by me against this constitutional system, nor against our union under that system. True, there have been times in the raging conflict of passion when I have almost despaired of the preservation of our constitutional union, but there is not a man in America to-day who can rejoice more sincerly than I do rejoice that, in spite of secession, war, and reconstruction, our union lives; nor can there be in whose breast the aspiration ascends more warmly to Heaven that our union shall live forever.

How may it live? The answer is plain: we must hallow the constitution as it is with the spirit of the union as it was. We cannot undo the past. We may never agree upon the relative errors and responsibilities of the respective parties to the conflicts of the past. Let the past die; and let its passions be buried with it. Whatever doubt may exist as to who was wise or unwise, patriotic or unpatriotic, in connection with the abuses which produced secession, war, and reconstruction, all must admit that he is neither wise nor patriotic who would keep alive the animosities of the strife after the strifes themselves have ended. The man or the party, who for personal advantage or party ends, would call back the passions of hate, and keep sections divided in feeling which must be united in fact, deserve, and, I believe, will receive, the unanimous anathema of the American people. No noisy pretensions to exclusive and superlative loyalty can prevent such a man or such a party from being adjudged, at an early day, as the real enemy of all sections, and the most dangerous foe to every right of every color. No patriot, for even the crown of the Cæsars, could become such a criminal.

That the errors of the past may be abandoned, and its strifes forgotten, and that we may have fraternal union again and forever, let us all indulge the habit of reverting to the feelings, the sentiments, opinions, and acts of our common fathers which enabled them to frame and adopt that great constitutional system which form our union.

In the letter with which, he, as the organ of the convention which framed it, transmitted the constitution to the congress of the confederation the noble Washington, whose birth you celebrate, used the following language:

"The constitution which we now present is the result of a spirit of amity and of that mutual defense and concession which the peculiarity of our political situation rendered indispensable."

If the political situation then existing rendered the spirit of amity and of mutual defence and concession indispensable to the formation of the constitution, must not every intelligent patriot admit, that our present political situation, renders that spirit far more indispensable to the preservation of that constitution? What is the political situation now? Our fathers had waged no war, save against a common enemy. They had won victories—the victories of liberty, and not the triumph of strifes. They were but three millions in thirteen states, surrounded by enemies and struggling to lay some foundation for free institutions amid the jeers of a monarchical world. They were gladdened by common successes, animated by common hopes and pressed together by common dangers. Yet, even then, the immortal Washington himself tells us that the spirit of amity and of mutual deference and concession was indispensable to the formation of our constitution. And what is our present political situation? We are over forty millions in nearly forty states. We have had a war which was not a struggle for our common liberties. We have had strifes in which there were surrenders, but no victories; results, but no successes. Our war was but a fraternal butchery. In fifteen years we have slain more of our brethren, burned more of our homes and cities, wasted more of our country, and created heavier burdens for generations of honest toil than were wrought by all the wars with enemies, not only since the declaration of independence, but since the foundation of the colonies!

How inexpressibly important, then, is it that every patriot in our land should re-invoke, for its preservation, that spirit of amity, and of mutual deference and concession, which Washington tells us was indispensable to its formation! How unworthy of public confidence, and how criminal must be he who would invoke the spirit of discord and of mutual distrust and contumely!

And now let me say, I speak as a representative man of the south, when I say our southern people, with unprecedented unanimity, are ready and willing to meet the northern people in this spirit of amity, deference and concession. Whatever might have been the right or wrong of slavery, the southern people thought that the provision of the constitution regarding it ought to have been obeyed until the constitution should be amended as provided therein. They were made to believe those provisions would not be obeyed and that the disregard of one provision of the constitution would result in the abandonment by the north of the constitution itself. They did honestly believe they had a right, and that it was their duty, to take that constitution and go unto themselves. I did not concur with my own people in the wisdom of their conclusion, but I knew they were honest in their conviction, and when they decided for themselves, they decided also for me. The northern people denied the right of the southern people to go, and war resulted. No intelligent man can doubt the sincerity of the southern people when he views the courage, privations, and sufferings they exhibited and endored in defence of their conviction. But they were overpowered in the struggle, and like brave men they have accepted, and do accept, the results. In every form in which it could be expressed, they have expressed their abandonment of secession, both as a theory and as a remedy.

They admit the freedom of their slaves and ask no compensation for their property.

They concede the citizenship and enfranchisement of the colored race, and without stopping to discuss the wisdom of their enfranchisement, they will do, as it is their interest to do, all in their power to make the race worthy of these high privileges. Their representatives cheerfully vote to tax the lame confederate soldier to pension the lame union soldier. In a word, they accept the constitution as it is, and offer to imbue that constitution with the spirit of the union as it was. What more can a brave people demand? What is in the way of peace and fraternal union? The answer is known to all man: There are men at the north heralded, and heralding themselves, as the leaders of a great party, who insist that the southern people were not actuated by honest convictions, but were moved by wicked purposes and criminal desires and intentions, and even assert that their action was not only causeless, but without provocation, and that they are therefore to be treated as criminals! Nay, they demand that the southern people shall confess themselves to be criminals! And all the sufferings inseparable from the war are paraded by these loaders of discord—these bold belligerants of peace, and are magnified, distorted and exaggerated in order to excite and keep alive the spirit of hatred towards the southern people.

The great question now is, Will the northern people, after eleven years for reflection, concur in this demand of there leaders? If so, the spirit of amity and of mutual deference and concession in which the constitution was made, was also slain in the cruel war, and can have no resurrection. If so, the union may live, but the spirit of its beauty is dead. A people who were brave enough to fight for their convictions will never be mean enough to surrender their honor and confess themselves criminals. The confession, if made, would be false. But if the people of the north, in this auspicious year of our history, can rise above their ignoble passion, and rebuke those who make their ability to promote strife the evidence of their titles to office, they will achieve a victory in the preservation and perpetuation of our constitutional union far more glorious and more replete with blessings for our posterity than that which was achieved by our fathers when they won independence and ordained and established the constitution.

That we may win this victory, let us celebrate the birth-day of Washington; let us gather around the cradle of our liberties; let us rehearse, and rehearsel the teachings of our fathers, and invoke a return of the spirit of the founder of our republic! Let the voice that would dwide be rebuked; let the ambition that would feed on strife to get power, be despised, and let the party that would live on memories that harrow, rather than on works that would rebuild and reunite, take its place with the memories and the strife in the past.

With sentiments of fraternal regard, I am, yours, very truly,

BENJ. H. HILL.

Messrs. Macellus Emery, Joseph P. Bass, Frederic M. Laughton, Committee on Invitation, Bangor, Maine.

—In regard to the age of Maggie Mitchell, her husband, Mr. Paddock, may not be quite so well informed as other people. Living husbands always look upon their wives as being eight or ten years younger than they really are. An authority, which is accepted by members of the dramatic profession, and has gone through many editions without ever being made to change its statement, puts down Maggie's age at forty-four. There are men in Richmond who would testify personal belief, that she is over forty. And if she be the more credit is due her. Her sprightliness, energy and capacity to please in juvenile characters are almost as great as they were twenty years ago. Her pieces are a little stale. That's all. With some fresh plays she might start afresh and win new laurels to deck her middle-aged brow.—Lynchburg Virginian.

—It is, perhaps, not well known that Pius IX is a very fine musician. As a young man he cultivated his taste for music very assiduously, and his voice was magnificent. Even now his voice is very sweet and powerful, and when his holiness sings at high mass, all who hear him are struck at the superb manner in which he executes the difficult Gregorian chant. He disapproves of the use of profane music in churches; but, at the same time, he recently expressed the opinion that, as a rule, what is usually called sacred music is dull and dreary. He thinks sacred music should be dramatic but not theatrical.

—As illustrating the carelessness of people generally in business matters, it is related that one of the men in authority in a Philadelphia trust deposit company says he would be glad to be allowed to give $100,000 to the company annually to be entitled to all the sweepings of the floor—in other words to have for his own the precious papers, stocks, coupons, etc., the depositors leave upon the floor.

—Mr. Parton's mother-in-law is dead. Weep not for him, for she died before he married her daughter. She was his first wife. And now, having married his wife's daughter, he is troubled because he is his present wife's step-father, and, accordingly, he is his own father-in-law. And it maddens him to think that if his wife should have a baby, he will be its grandfather. It is such questions as these, it is feared, that will deter the Massachusetts legislature from sanctioning this marriage.

—It is fortunate that Parton, who was once the husband of Fanny Fern, and has since married her daughter, has no children, and so possible distracting complications in the relation of different members of his family will be avoided. Suppose he had had children by his former marriage, and should have some more by this. His present wife would become the mother of her brothers and sisters, and her own children would be the nephews and nieces of their brothers and sisters, and she would be—but really the subject is too distracting to be followed out without danger to one's sanity.

SECRET voting is gradually "Americanizing" the electoral system of Great Britain. Instead of offering himself to the electors, the candidate in large cities is henceforth likely to be nominated by a convention. This, it appears from a London letter in the Tribune, was the case at Manchester, where Jacob Bright was made the liberal nominee of the constituency which framed

TELEGRAPHIC.

Steamer Burned.

NEW ORLEANS, February 25.—Kittie Higler is burned. She was advertised to leave this evening for Pittsburg.

Accident in a Theater.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Two brothers named Harlan fell from a trapeze at the Park theater, Brooklyn, last night, and one received injuries which may prove fatal.

Adopted.

NEW YORK, February 25.—The report of the committee of nine having the whole matter in charge, was adopted. It sustains Plymouth church throughout.

At the Capital

WASHINGTON, February 25.—The senate has up a bill, recently reported by the finance committee, to amend an act to authorize the funding of the national debt.

Senator Sharon arrived.

Secretary Fish is sick.

The assistant secretary of the state appeared before the committee on foreign affairs. They have all the Emma mine correspondence which has been ordered to be printed.

The committee on election and privileges, summoned a number of witnesses from Alabama and made other preparations for the Spencer case.

Henry Talbot, of Waterloo, Illinois, was appointed clerk of the ways and means committee.

The house was occupied in District of Columbia affairs.

Paris Stirred up.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—The Bourse is flat and there is almost a panic. All kinds of securities are falling rapidly. This feeling of anxiety is supposed to be in consequence of the election.

Don Carlos.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Don Carlos is at Elgonda on the high road to Bayonne, within a few miles of the frontiers of France.

Survivors Landed.

POINT DE SALLE, CEYLON, Feb. 24.—20 survivers of the 80 passengers on the emigrant ship Strathmore, have landed here. It is supposed that the rest were drowned.

Elected.

LONDON, February 25.—Phillip Wraughton was elected to parliament from Berkshire.

Mr. Dennison, conservative from East Retford.

It appears that the Strathmore, was wracked on Crozet island, July, 1875.

Indemnity.

PARIS, February 25.—It is stated that Spain has agreed to pay an indemnity to the family of M. Reygondear, who was executed in Cuba, and will court martial the officer who ordered the execution.

Spain.

MADRID, February 25.—A warm discussion arose in the cortes yesterday between Senors Castellar and Canova del Castillo about the validity of the election in the 4th arrondissement of Barcelona. The house subsequently sustained the validity of the election.

King Alfonso has returned from the army to Tolosa.

Immediately after departure of the king, the royal army commenced its march against the Carlists refuged in the mountain districts between Luiga and Alsan. General Primo de Rivera occupies the defile of Alduides on the frontier, in order to prevent the Carlists from escaping into France. The royal army has captured twelve steel cannon, a quantity of arms and powder, and a large number of horses, which had been abandoned by the Carlists.

Farming in the South.

Rev. L. B. Fish, of Atlanta, in a recent letter published in the Cincinnati Journal and Messenger, alluding to the comparative ease with which the soil in the south can be cultivated, and how light the summer's work is on a southern farm, says:

But still most of the people spend the winter almost idly. It would be safe to say that all the work done on the farms south of here, could be crowded into five months in the year.

Millions upon millions of acres of land that used to wave with cotton, corn, and other crops, have not been stirred with a plough for the last ten years. The young men have pretty generally left thier farm homes and gone to the cities and towns to get employment, or set up in some kind of business. Old and middle-aged men are doing the best they can to make farming profitable; but hiring such help as is at hand—although it is cheap—and paying a dollar to a dollar and seventy-five cents a bushel for northern corn, and fourteen to eighteen cents a pound for bacon, with other supplies correspondingly dear, takes off the profits. It is not to be wondered at when we see fences and buildings going to decay and but little being done repair or replace them.

Monroe county has about one hundred northern families, who have bought and settled since the war, and I am told by some of the best men of the county, that with few exceptions, they are happy and contented, and making money, too, in a way that astonishes these people. The "ruts" are very deep here, and will till people see the advantage of using better implements intfarming.

Northern emigration is greatly desired in all this region, and when northern people come and settle, they are received with all the cordiality that could reasonably be desired, and are treated as neighbors, brothers and sisters. Northern people need fear no other treatment when they come with proper intentions. No kindlier people live in the world than the southerners. The best lands in the state can be bought for from $1 to $5 an acre in the [illegible]ern part of the state, and in the [illegible]ern part from $5 to $40.

Sheriff Sales for State and County Taxes for the Year 1875.

WILL be sold before the Court house door, in the city of Atlanta, Fulton county, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale, on the first Tuesday in March next, the following property for State and County Tax for the year 1875, to wit:

Also, at the same time and place, a lot on Gilmore and Calhoun street, in the 4th ward of Atlanta, adjoining the property of Toon and Husband, part of land lot No. 52, 14th district of Fulton county, Ga., containing ¼ acre more or less. As the property of Mrs. William Barnes.

Also, at the same time and place, ten boxes of tobacco, branded "Olive branch," now at the store of J. M. Willis. As the property of Camp & Gilbreath.

Also, at the same time and place, a lot on Marietta, Cain and Walton streets, in the 5th ward of Atlanta, adjoining the property of Hill, part of land lot No. 78, 14th district of Fulton county, Ga., containing one acre more or less. As the property of W. P. Chisolm.

Also, at the same time and place, a lot on Loyl, Prior and Garnett streets, in the 21 ward of Atlanta, adjoining the property of Brotherton, part of land lot No. 77, 14th district of Fulton county, Ga., containing one acre more or less. As the property of Mrs. R. A. Chisolm.

Also, at the same time and place, a lot on corner Walton, Grubb and Earl e streets, in the 5th ward of Atlanta, adjoining the property of Barry, part of land lot No 79, 14 h district of Fulton county, Ga., containing one half acre more or less. As the property of Mrs. F. N. Chisolm.

Also, at the same time and place, a lot and the improvements on the same, consisting of a large two story framed dwelling and out buildings, fronting on Peters street and extending back to the right of way of the Macon and Western railroad, bounded by the property of Fuller and an alley, it being part of land lot No 77 in the 14th district of originally Henry now Fulton county, and containing three acres more or less, and now occupied by the defendant; levied on as the property of John A Doane by virtue of and to satisfy a state and county tax fi fa for the year 1875, issued by W S Walker, tax collector.

Also, at the same time and place, a lot on Decatur street, in the 4th ward of Atlanta, adjoining the property of Cantrell, part of land lot No. 45, 14th District of Fulton county, Ga., containing 200 feet square. As the property of M. Fitzgerald.

Also, at the same time and place, a lot on Peachtree street, in the 4 h ward of Atlanta, adjoining the property of Dougherty & Goldsmith, part of land lot No. 51, 14th district of Fulton county, Ga., containing one quarter of an acre, more or less. As the property of N. R. Fowler.

Also, at the same time and place, a lot on Glenn, Cooper and Crumley streets, in the 2d ward of Atlanta, adjoining city limits, part of land lot No. 75, 14th district of Fulton county, Ga., containing 25 acres, more or less. As the property of Michael Gardner.

Also, at the same time and place, a lot on Forsyth street, in the 1st ward of Atlanta, adjoining the property of Ozborn & Morris, part of land lot No 77, 14th district of Fulton county, Georgia, containing 50 feet by 200 feet more or less As the property of Varney A Gaskill.

Also, at the same time and place, a lot on Plum and Dairy streets, in the 5th ward of Atlanta, adjoining the property of Calloway and Akerman, part of land lot 79, 14th district of Fulton county, Georgia, containing seven acres more or less. As the property of Mrs Julia E Harris.

Also, at the same time and place, a lot on Rawson street, in the 2d ward of Atlanta, adjoining the property of Martin and Hotchkiss, part of land lot No 77, 14th district of Fulton county, Georgia, containing one fourth of an acre more or less. As the property of N P Hotchkiss.

Also, at the same time and place, a lot on corner Pryor and Alabama streets, in the second ward of Atlanta, adjoining the property of Chisolm, part of land lot No. 77, 14th district of Fulton county, Ga., containing 70 feet by 120 feet more or less. As the property of Mrs M J Johnson, administratrix.

Also, at the same time and place, a lot or parcel of land situated in the southwest portion of land lot No 89, 14th district of Fulton county, Ga., containing 50 acres more or less. As the property of Alvina Kries.

Also, at the same time and place, a lot on corner Peachtree and Marietta streets, in the 5th ward of Atlanta, part of land lot No. 78, 14th district of Fulton county, Ga., containing 50 feet by 42 feet, more or less As the property of Thomas Kile.

Also, at the same time and place, a lot on Decatur street, in the 4th ward of Atlanta, adjoining the property of Watkins and Wilson, part of land lot No 52, 14th district of Fulton county, containing ¼ of an acre, more or less. As the property of L B Langford.

Also, at the same time and place, a lot on Simpson and Haynes streets, in the fifth ward of Atlanta, known as the old Lynch rock quarry, part of land lot No 83, 14th district of Fulton county, Ga. As the property of Lynch, Gavin and Langford.

Also, at the same time and place, a lot on Pryor street, in the 4th ward of Atlanta, adjoining the property of Waltzfelder and Peck, part of land lot No. 77, 14th district of Fulton county, Georgia, containing 20 feet by 100 feet more or less. As the property of O A Lochrane, trustee.

Also, at the same time and place, a lot on Marietta, Alexander and Luckie streets, in the 5th ward of Atlanta, adjoining the property of Morris & Bro, part of land lot No 79, 14th district of Fulton county, Ga., containing 25 acres more or less. As the property of C W Mills, trustee.

Also, at the same time and place, a lot on Whitehall street, in the first ward of Atlanta, adjoining the property of Jones and Lynch, part of land lot No. 77, 14th district of Fulton county, Ga., containing 35 feet by 150 feet more or less. As the property of estate of H Muhlenbrink.

Also, at the same time and place, one two horse power Herman and Herschelrode No 120 steam engine, one Planer and Moss, R Hoe & Co, manufacturers, one 36 medium Gordon job press, one printing office marble slab, one Gorges patent rape cutter, and all the type and cases, and all the printing material and furniture of whatever kind in the printing office of defendant, Richard R Payne, on the corner of Hunter and Prior streets in the city of Atlanta, in which said house said articles are now located, as the property of Richard R Payne.

Also, at the same time and place, the undivided half interest in a lot on Mitchell street in the first ward of Atlanta, as the property of Gramling and Ellis, part of land lot No 84, 14th district of Fulton county, Ga., containing ¼ acre more or less. As the property of Wm R Phillips.

Also, at the same time and place, a lot on Broad street, in the 1st ward of Atlanta, adjoining the property of Alexander and Broomhead, part of land lot No. 77, 14th district of Fulton county, Ga., containing 25 feet by 45 feet, more or less. As the property of Seaborn P Bellew.

Also, at the same time and place, a lot on Whitehall street, in the 2d ward of Atlanta, adjoining the property of Latham, part of land lot No. 77, 14th district of Fulton county, Ga., containing 1-4 of an acre, more or less. As the property of C. H. Strong.

Also, at the same time and place, a lot on Pium, Dairy and North Avenue streets, in fifth ward of Atlanta, adjoining the property of Akerman and Harris, part of land lot No. 79, 14th district of Fulton county, Ga., containing eleven acres, more or less, as the property of Louis Scofield.

Also, at the same time place, a lot on Ivy street, in the fifth ward of Atlanta, adjoining the property of Banks and Currier, part of land lot No. 51, 14th district of Fulton county, Georgia, containing ¾ of an acre more or less. As the property of B W Wrenn, trustee.

Also, at the same time and place, fifty barrels of Maple Sugar, as the property of West, Edwards & Co.

Also, at the same time and place, three houses and lots on Irwin street, fronting forty feet each, and running back same width one hundred and seventy-five feet each, to the property of Wallace, in the fourth ward of Atlanta, part of land lot No 46 in the 14th district of Fulton county, Georgia. As the property of John R Wallace.

Also, at the same time and place, a lot on Crew, Clarke and Fulton streets, in the 2d ward of Atlanta, adjoining the property of Wallace, part of land lot No. 76, 14th district of Fulton county, Ga., containing 2½ acres, more or less. As the property of Mrs R P Zimmerman.

C. W. WELLS,
Deputy Sheriff.

Administratrix's Sale.

WILL be sold before the Court house door, in the city of Atlanta, Ga., on the first Tuesday in March, 1876, for the benefit of creditors and heirs, the following property, belonging to the estate of R. T. Stocks, late of Fulton county, deceased, to wit: The north side of lot No. 123, excepting nine acres, more or less; also four and a half acres, more or less, of lot No. 124, both situated in the 14th district, originally Henry, now Fulton county, Ga. Terms cash. MRS. E. STOCKS, Admr'x.
jan30—wtd

GEORGIA, Fulton county.

WHEREAS, E. A. Angier applies for letters of administration on the estate of F. H. Cherick, late of said county, deceased:

All persons concerned are hereby notified to file their objections, if any exist, on or before the first Monday in March next, else letters will be granted the applicant.

DANIEL TITTMAN,
feb6—wiw Ordinary.

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ATLANTA:

SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 26.

TO-DAY'S PROBABILITIES: FOR THE SOUTH ATLANTIC AND GULF STATES FALLING BAROMETER, SOUTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST WINDS, WARMER AND PARTLY CLOUDY WEATHER WILL PREVAIL.

GOLD opened in New York yesterday at 114 and closed at 113⅞.

LOW MIDDLINGS close in New York yesterday at 11 15-16. Liverpool 6 3-16.

THE president's boss motto now is, "Let no suspected official resign until the papers cease exposing him." This keeps Babcock and Schenck in office.

GEN. LAWTON voted in favor of holding the national convention in Cincinnati, and so did most of the southern members of the committee.

MARYLAND hesitates to vote a centennial appropriation, and it begins to look as ir that state, Virginia, Georgia, Kentucky and Minnesota would join hands and circle 'round at home.

THE Charleston News and Courier believes the cotton tax, illegally collected some years ago, will never be refunded to those who paid it. Of all the other suggested plans it favors an application of the money to the payment of the state debts. The amount due Georgia would fully extinguish our entire debt, and leave a million or so over.

THE admission of Colorado, with her thin population sprawled over an immense rough mountainous region, will swell the number of states admitted before their growth would justify such step. In justice to the older states it should be made an absolute rule hereafter that no new state shall have full and equal representation in the senate until she can claim at least two representatives in the house for each senator.

THE house committee on pensions has reported a bill for the transfer of the pension bureau to the war department. The present organization of the bureau is unnecessary cumbersome, its expenses are extravagant, and its general administration inefficient. It now costs to pay 235,000 pensioners $1,072,000 annually. It is believed that nearly half of this amount can be saved by a transfer of the business to the war department.

THE democratic executive committee of South Carolina has called a convention to meet in Columbia on the fouth of May. The outlook is said to be very encouraging, and numbers of negroes are already joining democratic clubs in the up country. In a few weeks the party organization will be more compact and complete than ever before; but it will require universal and unremitted work, joined to discipline and nerve, to rout the theives and give South Carolina an honest government in November.

THE republican convention of Indiana appointed a committee to draw up a succinct statement of the life and public services of Oliver P. Morton to present to the Cincinnati convention, at the same time urging him as a suitable candidate for president. We trust, says the Cincinnati Enquirer, that the gentlemen who will have this great work in charge will draw it mild. Any reference to Mr. Morton's infirmities would, it seems to us, be in bad taste.

THE Washington correspondent of the of the Cincinnati Enquirer says Mr. Holman has signified, to a prominent Indiana democrat, his belief that it will be the best policy, under all the circumstances, for the regular convention of the party to indorse the nomination of Mr. Landers. Senator McDonald is also understood to favor the policy as the best dossible under the circumstances. In short, it may be assumed that there will be no serious opposition to Mr. Landers in the regular democratic convention.

THE Alabama democratic state convention will meet in Montgomery on the 31st day of May to select delegates to the national convention. Capt. Johnston, of Selma, has been appointed chairman of the state executive committee in the place of Capt. W. L. Bragg, resigned. The latter, says the Montgomery Advertiser, goes into retirement crowned and garlanded with all the best wishes of the democrats and conservatives of Alabama.

MR. PAYNE has modified his financial propositions so that it embraces the following features. The unconditional repeal of the resumption clause of the act of 1875; the retirement by the government of gold to the amount of three per cent. per annum of the outstanding legal-tenders; and national banks and banking associations shall retire annually, on the first of June, three per cent. of their circulation as a resumption fund; when the total resumption fund shall have reached thirty per cent. of all legal tender obligations and bank circulation, gold and silver shall be the legal tender of the country; no contraction of the present volume of the currency shall occur; national banks are to deposit as a security for circulation ten per cent. more than their circulation, instead of ten per cent. less, as at present.

THE EVIDENCE IN THE LEASE INQUIRY.

We continue this morning the evidence taken by the Lease-investigating Committee, embracing the examination of Treasurer W. C. Morrill and Major E. B. Walker. The testimony of Governor Brown will appear to-morrow, and until his appears, we defer further comment.

The evidence is exceedingly racy reading, and will grow in interest. Governor Brown's testimony is especially so, detailing as it does, the operations, about which there has been such a world of surmise and reports. THE CONSTITUTION of to-morrow should fall under the eye of every citizen of Georgia.

THE COMPTROLLER AND TREASURER

Elsewhere will be found the report of the finance committee of the Legislature relative to the departments of the state treasurer and comptroller general. Of Col. W. T. Goldsmith's management of his office, the committee speak in the very highest terms, especially complimenting him on the new system of book keeping which he has inaugurated. The Committee also speaks highly of the condition of things in Treasurer Renfroe's office. We refer the reader to the report.

The secretary of the treasury, in response to inquiries, states that he is still undecided when to commence paying out silver coin to replace the fractional currency. He says, however, that a very strong pressure is constantly exerted upon the government to commence compliance with the late resumption in this respect im-

SECTIONAL POLITICS.

We publish elsewhere, this morning, two articles on what is known in the north as the southern question. One is from the New York Times, and the other from the Chicago Inter-Ocean—two papers that represent both wings of the republican party. These two papers are in fact the brains of that organization, and we yield a portion of our space to their views that our readers may clearly understand the present purposes and drift of the republican party. It will be seen that both of these great organs continue to wave the bloody shirt, each however, in its own way. Let them wave it. Their purpose is unmistakable. They intend to keep the issues of the war before the people, so that sectional hate may be turned into votes next November.

The Times goes at the villainous business in an ingenious and plausible way. It begins by praising Senator Gordon; it admits here and there certain mistakes in the southern policy of its party—all this to give its article a fair look. But in the end it pronounces General Gordon's moderate speech "a violent partisan harangue full of bitterness," and charges the democrats of the south with crimes darker than any in the history of reconstruction. The whole article is the essence of plausibility and concealed venom.

The Inter-Ocean is always coarse and brutal in the discussion of questions relating to the south. It makes a courteous invitation, extended by our civil and commercial authorities to visit Georgia, a pretext for a slanderous and unjustifiable assault upon our people. Could meanness farther go? In return for Mayor Hammock's polite invitation it gives currency to the slanders that no one knows better are false than the editor who penned them. Would we, it asks, know more of the political ostracism of the negroes and of other "oppressions and injustice" by a week's jaunt in Georgia? No, you would not, because you can not know of what does not exist except in your own jaundiced vision that looks only to party success regardless of the best interests of the country. But why waste words? The eyes of the Inter-Ocean are "sot." It will keep up the same old tune until November. We can not stop it. Our hopes fortunately lie in another direction. To all the truth-loving unprejudiced reasonable men of the north we do turn in the belief that a democratic victory in November would re unite the country and effectually silence the foul birds that would destroy, or at least crippled and basely wrong, a broad and prostrate section of the country to gain a temporary partizan advantage. Out with such men and let the centennial year inaugurate an union of states that no one should or would wish dissolved.

THE CENTENNIAL GRAB.

It seems that Mr. Springer's amendment to the centennial bill was so worded that the government is prevented from coming in for any return of its appropriation until the stockholders have been paid in full for their stock. The house intended to make the government a preferred creditor, when in fact the stockholders of the concern got a more liberal grant than they expected or had solicited. Mr. Springer tried to put through a joint resolution to remedy the defect, but was prevented by the rules of the house. Some of the democratic senators are very angry over the bad faith shown by the centennial managers, and it is possible they may devise a plan for modifying the bill, although it is rather late to stop a fraud that has been partially consummated.

The centennial board of finance claims that it is legally impossible to give a preference to the government over individual stockholders, and hence the former may whistle for its $1,500,000. Mr. Springer declared if the board construed the amendment in that way it would perpetrate one of the biggest steals on record. His resolution directs the secretary of the treasury to withhold the appropriation, or any amount thereof, until the secretary of the board of finance shall make an agreement to fulfill the liberal meaning of the appropriation and give security for the fulfillment of their agreement. This resolution should be speedily passed. Mr. Springer proposes to make it hot for the centennial managers when his resolution comes back from the judiciary committee. He will endeavor to so amend it that not even the centennial folks will have the cheek to say that the government shall come in at the tail end after all the other accounts are squared. It is a case of stealing through legal strategy that should be nipped in the bud.

FACT AND COMMENT

MASSACHUSETTS threatens to send three ex-governors to congress next winter.

JACKSON fell, Winslow fell, the old elm fell, and it looks as if Boston had better prop up the Bunker hill monument, and secure the walls of Faneuil hall.

A state senator has returned a pass which had been issued to him by a railroad company. His honest action reminded the company that the pass had expired.—N. O. Republican.

THE St. Louis Republican says that the question of greatest concern with the eastern wholesalers at present is how to become independent of their drummers and resume control of their own business.

THE New York Sun says that it now looks as if a great element of strength must be lost to the administration party in the next election—money from crooked whisky.

THE democratic ticket that seems to lead the rest now is Hendricks of Indiana for president and S. S. Cox of New York for vice-president.—Mount Pleasant, Indiana, Free Press (dem).

IT is calculated that the shrinkage in the value of foreign government bonds on the London stock exchange has been $385,000,000 in the last four years.

JOHN RUSSELL YOUNG, who is making a tour of the southern states, writes to the New York Herald that "the negro is as anxious to read and write as he used to be to own a yellow cravat."

MR. GLADSTONE, in reply to a communication from a workingmen's association, states that, in the course of a laborious life, he has signally experienced both the mental and physical benefits of the Lord's day, as a religious institution.

ALL the states have their "favorite sons," but all the favorite sons cannot be nominated for president. It has always been that way, and some fellow who has never set up to be a favorite son at all, has usually stepped in and carried off the nomination.

MR. HENDRICKS, of Indiana, is learning to say "hawi pawat fosh this awfthanoon," in a bland and propah effort to secure the Massachusetts delegation. So runs the presidential world away.—Burlington Hawkeye.

THE happiest man in Washington to-day was Senator Spencer, who was very loud in his boasts that he, Gov. Shepherd, Senator Conkling, and Thomas Murphy had fixed it so that Secretary Bristow would be unable to remain in the cabinet many days longer.—N. Y. Tribune cor.

JUDGE PORTER, General Babcock's counsel, said in the course of his defense of the private secretary of the "Great Silent Man," that "Grant is the foremost representative of American character." Whether he is foremost or not, depends on which end is in front.

CURLY-LOCKED and portentumed, sweetscented as a camomile blossom, and smiling as a nigger's pet possum in persimmon time, hyacinthine Roscoe Conkling waltzes nimbly to the front, the fairest play in the dog-fennel garden of native presidential candidates.—Raleigh Sentinel.

THE moment it is seen, by the whole country must see fury soon, that the third term is impossible, the moment this is beyond question and thoroughly accepted, as it will be in the spring months, Grant will not have any more influence in the national republican convention than John Tyler had in the democratic party. His recommendation will be a deadly burden. He has had his share of sugar.—Cincinnati Commercial.

THE Herald seems to be trying to kill off Conkling by printing such snatches of damnable doggerel as these:

Nail to the mast a name without a stain;
Proudly aloft our banner awing.
For the only man who can beat Blaine
Is the nation's pride—our Conkling.

To praise and prayer let the plous monk cling,
While we shout loud for Roscoe Conkling.

THE following is given in an exchange as a sample Texas editorial: A few days ago the grand jury went so far as to indict a gentleman of this county for the mere act of having, while under the influence of liquor, shot and killed one of his neighbors. As to the acquittal of the accused there can be no doubt. Meanwhile, we trust the members of the grand jury will not, by any further acts of this character, wound the self-respect and forfeit the regard of their fellow-citizens."

THE following statistics, published by each branch of the Presbytern church, will show their relative strength in 1875:

	North.	South.
Presbyteries	6	6
Ministers	127	68
Churches	210	140
Members	10,124	6,282
Sunday S. children	11,500	4,405
Money contributed	$157,741	$ 63,118

The two bodies are working together side by side in harmony, and a large majority would reunite joyfully.

MACAULAY, New York correspondent of the Rochester Democrat, says: "O'Conor will never practice in court again, but he will go down town as soon as possible, for an indoor life is not for him, and then there is really nothing in his home to be attractive. It is the house of a childless widower, and though his sister, Mrs. McCracken, does all in her power to to make it cheerful, it has never been a home to its owner. He has found his true life in his profession. He is a living system of jurisprudence, a walking law library, a perpetual court of high causes, a microcosm of human statutes, a universe of forensic disputation, and a high grand priest of the temple of thieves. Such a man never will find rest in a quiet parlor ten miles from the courthouse."

GEORGIA is a fine example of what a southern state under democratic rule can become. There the reign of corruption is at an end, and, however federal politics and state politics may engross attention, there is the certitude always of a just and capable state government, whatever strain of opinion may meet with most favor. In South Carolina, on the other hand, the fight is primarily for good government, and citizens of all classes are invited to join the democrats in the struggle to secure it. When won the South Carolina democrats will be free to grapple more vigorously with national questions than they can do now. They are obliged to look at home first, although they are in entire sympathy, of course, with the national democracy.—Charleston News and Courier.

FRANCIS DEAK, the Hungarian statesman, who died the other day, was the son of an inn-keeper near Kolrda in Hungary, and was brought into the world with great difficulty. At the time of his mother's confinement, the physician in attendance announced that the case was a difficult one; that it would be necessary to either sacrifice the mother or the child. The father, however, being loath to reconcile himself to the loss of either, called in the services of a Franciscan monk, Lucas Tleli, who dwelt in a neighboring monastery, and who was celebrated for his skill in medical practice. The monk succeeded in saving the two lives. The child was named Francis, in gratitude to the Franciscan, and when the monastery was burned down a few years back, it was rebuilt by Francis Deak to a great extent.

THE New York Sun thinks two groups of senators should be closely watched as to their action on the appropriation bills—Conkling, Morton and Sherman, whom it classes as presidential aspirants, and the republicans elected independently of republican caucuses. This is the Sun's way of putting it: "The action of these presidential aspirants and of these so called independents on bills for reducing public expenditures and lightening the burdens of taxation will show whether or not the republican party has become so lavish and corrupt that to reform it is hopeless, and that to destroy it is duty. Especially will the course of Christiancy, Cameron and McMillan threw valuable light upon the question whether it is of any avail for republican reformers to try to retrench expenses and otherwise improve the civil service by working within the lines of the party.

WHO IS AHEAD!

They All Say "It is Between Me and Smith!"

EDITORS CONSTITUTION:—I should like, if you please, to know why it is that the various candidates for governor have so uniformly narrowed the contest for the democratic nomination down to two parties. If what they themselves say about the matter be true, it is indeed gratifying. The people will be glad enough to know that they are to choose between only two distinguished aspirants, when rumor and fact have led them to suppose that any number less than twenty would have presented themselves to the execration of patriots and the destruction of harmony in the party.

But who are these two most prominent parties now before the people?

The answer comes from Gen. Colquitt, through his friends, if they are correctly reported, that "it is between Colquitt and Smith." This is a declaration that the Colquitt party expects to to meet Governor Smith upon the track and that to defeat him in the nomination is to win the prize. As a matter of course, this declaration amounts to a denial of any strength or winning popularity to the other candidates who have been named. We are given to understand that "it is wholly between Colquitt and Smith."

But, the friends of Col. Tom. Hardeman claim the same state of affairs to exist between him and Gov. Smith. They divide off the state, and can tell you exactly which counties will vote for Hardeman, which for Smith, and which will "scatter."

The friends of General Gartrell come in and do likewise. The general himself has been often heard to declare that the race was with himself and Governor Smith. He and his friends can fully demonstrate, they think, why this is true.

Hon. John H. James, with his financial record and views, with his friends, will explain in clearest manner, the issues upon which the next governor is to be nominated, and how his views and financial abilities being so much better than Smith's, Le James is sure to defeat Smith and be our next governor.

And so they go! Every candidate finds that he has "to beat Smith," and each one of them believes he can do it, and that he is the only man who can! But if what we state above be true, and we have no reason to gainsay it, Smith is not only the man who must be beaten if another is to succeed, and the voluntary testimony of those same other parties is that Smith to-day is, in their calculations, able to beat them all! I ask if this is not the accepted status of the race to-day. QUID NUNC.

Steamer Partly Burned.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The steamer Herder caught fire in the sheathing around the boiler. The mails, specie and passengers were sent ashore, and the increasing heat of the fire compelled the discharge of the cargo, which was partly of rosin, and the fire was then extinguished.

Bankers Arrested.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Morganthau, Bruno & Co., formerly bankers of the Industrial Exhibition company, were arrested on a complaint of the manager on a charge of retaining $100,000 worth of the company's bonds. Morganthau, Bruno & Co. have a suit in the supreme court against the company for over half a million. They claim $73,000 for printing and advertising.

THE EVIDENCE.

The Robery Charges Against the State Road Lessees.

The Testimony Before the Investigation Committee of the Legislature.

The Facts as Developed Under Oath.

What Money was Expended by the Lessees—How Much and to Whom Paid.

What Treasurer W. C. Morrill and Major E. B. Walker Know.

Unanimous Finding of the Legislature that the Charges are Unfounded.

[CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY.]

Testimony in the Investigation by a Joint Special Committee of the General Assembly of Georgia, February 10th, 1876, as Reported for the Committee by Sam. W. Small, Stenographic Reporter of the THE CONSTITUTION.

Mr. W. C. MORRILL, sworn:
By Mr. McDaniel, chairman:

Q—Mr. Morrill, how long have you been connected with the Western & Atlantic railroad company?

A—I am one of the lessees and have been since the company was organized; as an officer, I have been with it since the 1st and 2d of March, 1871.

Q—In what office?

A—I am treasurer.

Q—Were you the treasurer of the company at the time that the question of the endorsement of the lease was before the committee, and afterwards before the assembly?

A—I was, sir.

Q—Do you know of any money of the company having been paid to any person to influence the action of the legislature on that question?

A—Well, I know that there were certain moneys that were used for attorney's fees and some for newspaper publications, I think. There were certain amounts drawn out by Gov. Brown for those purposes.

Q—How much?

A—I do not know that I can tell you that, but it was somewhere from $30,000 to $35,000. If my memory is right.

Q—Have you any means of ascertaining these amounts precisely?

A—No, sir, I can't say that precisely, I only know the amount generally.

Q—Would not your books show these amounts?

A—No, sir. Whatever moneys were used were charged up either in the general expenses or bills payable. I was borrowing money about that time for the use of the company, and such moneys went in the same as bills payable. As near as I can say, in my judgment, there was about the amount I have said.

Q—Will you explain to the committee how it was that large amounts of money were being paid out without a record of them?

A—Well, sir, there was no more record of them than other bills payable which I have. No special record of them was kept.

Q—Do not your books show the purpose for which those payments were made?

A—Only for bills payable. If I borrowed $50,000 in New York I charged it to bills payable.

Q—I do not know that I understand your meaning. Please explain what you mean by bills payable, and how the sums of money you speak of were, in fact, paid.

A—In regard to bills payable what I mean is this: I pay all such warrants as are drawn upon me by the president. I know nothing of what they are for. When I need any money I borrow it and charge it to bills payable and directly go into the general account as ordinary expenses. For attorney's fees—last year they were $16,000 or $18,000—it is a warrant or statement, made by the president, of the amount and I pay them and credit it myself for it, upon the terms of his statement.

Q—Is there no officer connected with the road whose books will show the purpose for which all moneys were paid out?

A—My books will show what warrants were paid and may show what this one or that one was for. Attorney's fees for instance, are charged up upon a memorandum of the president that "so and so owed this or that attorney at such an amount" and I charge it up upon that.

Q—Would not your books show to whom all these sums of money were paid?

A—No, sir, not always, because the statement of the president is always taken as a warrant upon the company.

Q—I understand you to say that these sums were paid out upon the order of the president alone?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—Well, would not your book, if before you, enable you to speak with certainty as to how much money was so paid out?

A—I do not think it would. I might state the aggregate for the last five or six years. I don't think they would show what it was all for.

Q—Are you in the habit of attending the meetings of the lessees?

A—I am.

Q—Have you ever heard this subject, as to the use of money in this way, mentioned at any of those meetings?

A—No, sir.

Q—(By Mr. McDaniel, chairman) Suppose the payment of a fee has to be made to Mr. Julius Brown, who is now the attorney of the road, I believe, would the payment be made to him without the warrant or order showing the purpose of it?

A—It might, or it might not. The president might pay him, or order the money through me and I might pay him.

Q—If the president paid him, he would be reimbursed by drawing on you, would he not?

A—Yes, sir; that is what I meant.

Q—If he drew on you wouldn't he state the use he put the money to? Wouldn't the warrant show that it was to reimburse himself for the payment of a fee to Mr. Julius Brown?

A—It might; perhaps it would. Or, he might draw a warrant upon me and say "please furnish the president so much money," and then turn it in as attorney's fees.

Q—If the warrant failed to show that it was for attorney's fees, Gov. Brown, in some report, would show that fact?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—Then, we understand that any moneys that are legitimately paid out in the course of business are either upon warrants or vouchers showing the purpose for which the money is paid and the person to whom, or it is explained in the report of the president?

A—Yes, sir. You are correct, that most of the bills are paid direct to the parties to whom they are due, but in general expenses and attorney's fees they are all left with the president. That is the way, at least, with us.

Q—But he makes a report?

A—He makes a report and I charge it to its proper account, general expenses or attorney's fees.

Q—Would not his reports show the names of the attorneys to whom the money was paid?

A—I presume that they might, and, in general, they would do so.

Q—Will you explain how it was that no explanation of the character we are now inquiring about and the names of the parties never was made?

A—It never was.

Q—We understand that it never was, but I ask an explanation of the omission. We want to know how it was that any considerable sum of money was paid out, without any explanation as to who received it and the purpose?

A—The president simply made a report that he had spent so much money for attorney's fees. That was all that was made or asked for.

Q—(By Mr. Peeples.) Who were the members of the executive committee in 1871?

A—Gov. J. E. Holt, Wm. H. Johnston, Jno. T. Grant, Richard Peters were resident members of the executive committee. There were two members who didn't live in the state, Mr. Walters, of Baltimore and Mr. Plant of New York. I don't remember that they have ever been present at any of the meetings.

Q—Those gentlemen of the executive committee met once a month?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—To whom this report was made every month?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—You have stated that some of this money was paid to attorneys. Can you give their names?

A—No, sir; I cannot.

Q—What object was there to pay money to attorneys during the time this matter was pending?

A—I cannot tell you. The president probably can.

Q—(By Mr. Alston.) You had no law suits pending at that time which required the expenditure of that money, did you?

A—I do not know, Mr. Alston. There are about one hundred cases now upon the court dockets against us, and always has been quite a number.

Q—What position did Col. E. W. Cole have in the company.

A—In 1871 he was general superintendent. His position had nothing to do with the business here, further than that he occupied an initial point at Nashville. He has always been an officer of the road and controlled freights from that point, receiving only a small salary.

Q—Do you remember of Col. Cole's being here after the endorsement of the lease?

A—He has been here, off and on, ever since the company was formed.

Q—Didn't he make extra complaints about the expenses of the road at that time?

A—Not to my knowledge.

Q—Didn't other lessees make extra complaints about it?

A—I do not know; some may have done so. There has always been more or less complaint about the expenses.

Q—You do not remember that conversation with Col. Cole and Mr. Walker where you made a remark about the lessees raising such a hell of a row about this money?

A—No, sir; I never made such a remark as that because it was not true, and I am not in the habit of making such statements.

Q—Suppose I presented a bill to your company for money due me, what course would it take?

A—You would present it to the superintendent.

Q—He would have to approve it?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—Then you would it pay?

A—To the president for his approval. That is what the by-laws say shall be the course, but it is seldom done. After the approval of the superintendent, I generally pay it and get the endorsement of the president afterwards.

Q—(By Judge McCay.) In August, 1872, after the death of Mr. Cabaniss and before the appointment of Mr. McRae as superintendent, was there any auditor or superintendent at all?

A—No sir.

Q—Didn't Gov. Brown occupy the positions of general superintendent and president both?

A—Yes, sir; unless it could be said that Col. Cole was general superintendent at the time mentioned.

Q—After the death of Mr. Cabaniss, when was Mr. McRae appointed superintendent?

A—I think it was about the 1st of January, 1873.

Q—During this period after the death of Mr. Cabaniss and before Mr. McRae was elected with whom were all the moneys left?

A—They were all left with the president. He audited every account that was paid.

Q—Was there some complaint made about that?

A—Yes, sir, the president himself complained of it, as it put too much work upon him.

Q—They were all left to Gov. Brown—all these general accounts that did not come up through the regular department?

A—Yes, sir; every thing, except my own personal expenses in my office, for stationery and books.

Q—Was it often the case, and is it not frequently so now, that the warrants were mere condensations of previous verbal orders?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—That is, Gov. Brown would say to you so much to this man" or "to me" and your would do so, and afterwards consolidate the amounts into one warrant?

A—Yes, sir; into bills payable.

Q—Then it went upon the books in that way?

A—Then it went on as bills payable.

A—These payments which you made either to individuals or upon Gov. Brown's order, written or verbal, during the months of August and September, were in no way unusual or different from any that happened during the whole time from five of Mr. Cabaniss to the appointment of Col. McRae?

A—No, sir.

Q—Sometimes you paid money upon a verbal order merely?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—Afterwards these orders were embraced in a general warrant and nothing said about the items?

A—Yes, sir.

Q (By Mr. Alston)—How do you get at the amount, then, of $25,000 that was paid out in this way?

A—I simply say that to the best of my recollection, $30,000 to $35,000 went in this way.

Q (By Mr. Julius Brown)—Do you know of a dollar of that money which went to influence the action of any person in the executive, judicial or legislative departments of the state, or any fact that would seem to lead that way?

A—No, sir.

Q—(By Mr. Walsh.) Do you know of any money having been paid to any member of the legislature for attorney's fees?

A—No, sir; there wasn't one cent, that I know of.

ATLANTA, FRIDAY Feb. 11, 1876.

The committee met at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

E. B. WALKER, sworn:

Examined by Mr. McDaniel, chairman.

Q—How long were you connected with the Western & Atlantic railroad company?

A—I think I was on the road twenty years in all.

Q—The question is, how long were you connected with it under the lessees?

A—Two years, I think.

Q—At what time did you leave the road?

A—It is now two years, the first of January.

Q—What office did you hold?

A—Master of transportation.

Q—Will you state to the committee how money was paid out by the company for expenses of the road?

A—I have no knowledge of that at all. It didn't come in my department.

Q—Will you state then, what was the scope of your duties?

A—My duties were to attend to freight department, and run the trains.

Q—Have you any means of knowing the expenses of your department for the years 1871 and 1872?

A—No, sir. I could not know, except by referring to the books. My duties didn't call me to that department, at all, and unless the reports were published or I looked at the books, I knew nothing about them.

Q—Have you ever looked into that matter?

A—No, sir, I attended strictly to my own business.

Q—Were any moneys ever paid out on orders from you approving claims?

A—Sometimes there were, for over payment or reduction of fare, where a party had paid too much, and then the money would be refunded.

Q—How were the accounts of your department audited?

A—I had no accounts. My duties were the overlooking of the running of trains and the conduct of the freight department. All the reports were made to the treasurer.

Q—We will ask you whether you ever had any conversation with Mr. Morrill upon the subject of the expenses of the road?

A—Not particularly.

Q—We will ask you, Mr. Walker, if you ever had any conversation with Col. Cole about the expenses of the road?

A—Well, I had frequent conversations with him. Whenever there was a meeting of the board he would often come in and we would talk together upon the subject of the road and its business.

Q—Do you remember any such conversation with him in which Mr. Morrill joined?

A—Mr. Morrill was frequently in the office when we were talking about the expenses and other matters connected with the road.

Q—Did Col. Cole ever complain to you in one of these conversations, when Mr. Morrill was present, about the ratio of the expenses to the gross receipts?

A—No, sir; I have no recollection of any such conversation.

Q—Do you remember having a conversation with Col. Alston recently about a conversation which was said to have taken place between yourself, Col. Cole and Mr. Morrill?

A—Yes, sir; I had a conversation with Col. Alston, but it was not about Col. Cole particularly; nor about Mr. Morrill particularly.

Q—You had a conversation with Col. Cole and Mr. Morrill, however, upon the subject of expense of the road?

A—No, sir, not particularly. They were frequently in my office, as were others of the lessees at the times of the board meetings, and I talked with them while at work at my desk. I do not know of any particular conversations that occurred about the expenses. Those things came before the board of directors and were matters about which I had nothing to do, and the only questions I asked were about the running of the trains, or something of that kind.

Q—At any one of these conversations did you ever hear Mr. Morrill say anything about the expenses of their road not bearing a greater ratio to the gross receipts than Mr. Holt's road.

A—Yes, sir; I think I heard him say that.

Q—Did he say anything about any money used outside the regular expenses of the road having gone into the expense account?

A—No, sir.

Q—If you ever heard Mr. Morrill say anything about money—any sum of money—having been used to influence the action of anybody——?

A—No, sir.

Q—Will you please state the substance of the conversation that you had with Col. Alston?

A—I was busy writing at my desk and Mr. Morrill came in my office. There were two or three others there, lessees whom I do not recollect by name, but one of them I think was Col. Cole. Some complaint was made that the expenses of the road were too great. The party and Mr. Morrill laughing together generally when Mr. Morrill wound up the conversation by saying that "this legislature brought a very heavy expense on us. That was all he said, that I remember. He may have stated the sum, but he frequently makes spread-eagle speeches about things and I supposed this was one of the occasions with him. He may have said the amount was $70,000, but I paid no attention to it, if he did, thinking it one of his usual off-hand speeches.

Q—Did Mr. Morrill state how this legislature had brought this expense upon the road?

A—No, sir. When he had made the remark, the others laughed and he immediately turned and left the room, and said nothing further about it.

Q—You say you never had anything to do with, or any supervision over the expenses of the road?

A—I never had anything more to do with it than you have. Except when they paid me my money I never saw a dime of it.

Q—If $70,000 had been expended either upon the legislature or on account of it, would you have had any knowing of it?

A—No, sir; none at all. You can see from the books of the road, I presume, the amount of all the cash paid out.

Q—Did you ever examine the books to see?

A—No, sir; that was not in my province.

Q—Were you ever present at any of the meetings of the lessees?

A—Yes, sir. I did not belong there. I had my own duties and my own office to attend to.

Q—State the conversation that you had with Col. Alston.

A—It was at my home in DeKalb county.

Q—It was about a conversation you had had, or heard, in your office?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—(By Mr. Walsh.) Did you state to Col. Alston that you had heard that $70,000 was spent upon the legislature of 1871?

A—No, sir; I did not state so. It was impossible for me to say so, for I didn't know anything about it.

Q—Did you not hear so?

A—No, sir; I never did.

Q—(By Mr. Peeples.) Mr. Walker, did you ever hear any of the lessees admit that money was used to aid the passage of the resolution endorsin the lease by the legislature?

A—No, sir.

Q—(By Mr. Alston.) Mr. Walker, didn't my daughter, Bessie, carry you a copy of the Atlanta Herald last Sunday evening?

A—I do not remember; she may have done so.

Q—You saw the editorial in it about this state road lease?

A—I believe I did.

Q—I called over to see you, and didn't you tell me, in the corner of your fire-place, that upon a certain occasion Jno was talking to Col. Cole and that Mr. Morrill came in and in his off-hand way blurted out that "these fellows are blowing about the expenses of the road, when they are not as much as on Bill Holt's road, and besides they forget that $70,000 was spent on that damned legislature?"

A—I have no recollection of any such conversation.

Q—How is your recollection?

A—Just as I have given it in here. What Mr. Morrill said was something about the heavy expenses brought on us by the legislature.

Q—Didn't you tell me that Mr. Morrill came in and blurted out that remark "that they forget that we had to spend $70,000 on that damned legislature?"

A—No, sir; I said he came in and made about the remark that I have stated, but as you state it I have no such recollection. I never said that, I think.

Q—Not that he said the expenses of the state road were not as great as on Bill Holt's road?

A—I never remember saying anything about Holt's road.

Q—Haven't you frequently said that money was spent to get that resolution through the legislature.

A—I presume that money was spent. I suppose they had to employ lawyers. But as to how much was spent, or where it was spent, I never said anything at all.

Q—You never said that Mr. Morrill had said $70,000 was spent on that damned legislature?

A—I never said that; I said that he remarked in his off-hand way that the legislature brought $70,000 expenses upon the road.

Q—(By Judge McCay.) This was a conversation that you heard, as I understand you, and was not one had with you?

A—I was busy at my desk.

Q—(By Mr. Alston.) And your recollection is that Mr. Morrill said the legislature brought $70,000 expense upon the road?

A—Yes, sir; I have said so here.

Q—And you swear that you did not tell me that he said "they forget that we had to spend $70,000 on that damned legislature?"

A—I do, sir; I am positive that I never told you any such thing.

Q—(By Judge McCay.) This conversation was one that took place in your office among some of the lessees and Mr. Morrill was one of the party? Do you remember who the others were?

A—I have no particular recollection. I know Mr. Morrill was there, as he stood next to me. The others who were there I do not know that I could name.

Q—Was your mind directed to the conversation that was going on between them?

A—No, sir; I only knew that they had come out of the board and were talking together about the expenses generally.

Q—Are you sure that it was in connection with a discussion of the expenses of the road? Might it not have been to this effect: That the resolution to endorse the lease might have cost them this amount?

A—I have no recollection of that.

Q—Might it not be that as well as what you say now that it was? Do you give the precise language that was used.

A—I can not say that I do.

Q—Do you say that the language used referred particularly to the expenses of that year?

A—It did not refer particularly to the expenses of that year, I think, as I understood them to be talking about expenses generally.

Q—Was the conversation after the appointment of the board meeting?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—Your office is near by where the directors' meetings?

A—It is on the floor below.

Q—There were several persons in the room at the time of the conversation?

A—Yes, sir; there were several besides the lessees.

Q—Your recollection is very definite as to the words used by Mr. Morrill?

A—My recollection is that he expressed himself just as I have stated, and then went on, the after conversation laughing as he did so.

Q—How long ago was that?

A—I do not know exactly; it may have been after the adjournment of the legislature.

Q—How long has it been since you left the road?

A—Since January, 1874.

Q—It has been more than two years since you heard it, then?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—Will you undertake to say that the language used by Mr. Morrill on the occasion might not have referred to the loss sustained by the correction of the inventory?

A—They were talking about the expenses, because they thought they were not making anything, and some of them were anxious to make something.

Q—That was the general tenor of the conversation?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—Can you mention anything else that they said on the occasion, whether they said anything about the correction of the inventory?

A—They frequently talked about it, but I do not know that they said anything about it that day.

Q—Could you say that it was not mentioned that day?

A—No, sir; I was busy and didn't listen to all the conversation.

Q—You will not undertake, then, to say that that subject was not discussed, and that the remark of Mr. Morrill did not refer to that expense?

A—It was current expenses they were talking about, I think.

Q—Now, just recall it not have had this connection, that they were talking about the general expenses, and then some one introduced the subject of the resolution ratifying the lease, and then it was Mr. Morrill made the remark. In other words, would you undertake to say that it was not at this part of the conversation that Mr. Morrill's words came in?

A—No, sir; they had about concluded their talk when he made his remark and then left. They frequently talked about this second taking of stock, but as I have said, I do not recollect of their doing so that day.

Q—Were not estimates taken of the values and the difference between the two inventories?

A—Yes, sir; I know that there were.

Q—Haven't you heard that the difference was about $75,000 or $100,000 against the road?

A—I never heard so.

Q—Now this remark of Mr. Morrill's having special reference to what the legislature had cost them was made, was it then that he spoke of the expenses of the road being no greater than with Mr. Holt's road?

A—No, sir; that was at another time.

Q—All that transpired, if I recollect you, was this: That Mr. Morrill and some other lessees were in your office, you were busy at your desk, they were talking about the road and its expenses and at some time during the conversation Mr. Morrill made the remark and in about the language that you have given?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—When did you have the conversation with Mr. Alston?

A—Last Sunday evening.

Q—Was that the first time?

A—No, sir; last year some time.

Q—How long since do you think it was?

A—I suppose it was about a year ago; may be more, may be less.

Q—(By Mr. Julius Brown.) You cannot swear that the inventory was or was not spoken of that day?

A—No, sir; I cannot swear either way, as I was busy at the desk and did not hear all that was said.

Q—Were they not referring to the fact that we were not making any money?

A—Yes, sir; that was the trouble.

Q—Might not Mr. Morrill's remark have had reference to this loss by the new inventory?

A—Yes, sir.

Q (By Judge McCay)—Might it not have come in by accident or thought that they might make money after awhile?

A—There was a mighty dull prospect of making any at that time.

Q—Might not some one have said that "we have this lease for 30 years and may not make any money out of it?"

A—Yes, sir.

Q—Might not that have been a part of the same conversation?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—And that that was what they would have to pay the state at the expiration of the lease?

A—Yes, sir. They were very much alarmed and some of them wanted to sell out.

Q—Have you a definite idea that any amount was named?

A—I think about $20,000.

Q—Are you certain?

A—That is my recollection.

Q—Is your mind clear about that like it is about the balance of your statement?

A—I think the expression was about in this way, that the legislature had brought a heavy expense upon the road—about $70,000. I did not pay much attention to it at the time, as I thought it only one of Mr. Morrill's off-hand speeches.

Q (By Mr. DuBose)—Do you know of any money having been paid to members of the legislature of 1871 and 1872 to procure the endorsement of this lease?

A—No, sir.

Q—Do you remember having a conversation with Col. Alston recently about a conversation which was said to have taken place between yourself, Col. Cole and Mr.

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Report of the Finance Committee to the Legislature, Feb. 19, 1876.

By the authority of law it is made the duty of the joint standing committee on finance to examine the accounts and vouchers of the comptroller and treasurer as to all moneys received into and paid out of the treasury during the last fiscal year, to examine and compare the warrants drawn during that time, with the several laws authorizing the same, and to count the money on hand at the time of examination, etc., and present the same to each branch of the general assembly, and in accordance with said duty, we, as your committee, make the following report;

The late treasurer having retired from the office on the — day of November last, and the operation and condition of that office during the period of the fiscal year preceding his retirement being under the examination of a fiscal agent of the state, and the whole matter thereto apber aining, likely to undergo an investigation before the court, your committee felt that it was not a part of their duty to go into an examination of the books of the late treasurer, and confined their investigation to the books of the present incumbent. In examining into the funds of the treasurer, we find by actual account, cash on hand, seven thousand five hundred and seventy dollars. On deposit in the Georgia Banking and Trust company, one hundred and seven thousand one hundred and seventeen dollars and twenty-one cents (107,117-21) In the State National bank, sixteen thousand three hundred and seventy-five dollars and seventy-five cents ($16,375.75); in the Citizens bank, one hundred and seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven dollars and thirty-four cents ($107,367.34); in the Atlanta Savings' bank, two thousand two hundred and forty-four dollars and eighty-seven ($2,244.87). The committee have carefully counted all the coupons paid by the present treasurer and find that on account of there being no proper bond book in his office in which to register said coupons, he has thought best to seal up in envelopes the coupons when paid and endorsed thereon the names of parties to whom paid in order to inscribe the same in the bond book received We have carefully examined all warrants paid out on account of the establishment and compared them with the treasurer's books, and found them to correspond and in every particular correct

We find in the office of the treasurer, so far as we are able to judge, an admirable system of book-keeping, and in our judgment, sufficiently minute and particular as to protect fully the interest of the state.

And we herewith submit a full supplemental statement of all moneys received and disbursed by the treasurer from the first of January last, to the date of this investigation, referring your committee to his published report of all receipts and disbursements from the commencement of his administrative duties to the first of January, last.

The joint sub-committee on finance have examined, as required by law, the book account and vouchers of the comptroller general's office, and find that his printed annual report exhibits the true condition of his office as shown by the books. The new and admirable system of book-keeping inaugura ed by the present comptroller when he took charge of the office, is now complete in every respect, and notwithstanding the duties of this office are both intricate and arduous, the most perfect system and order mark all of its departments.

The collections from both county tax collectors and corporations have been close and prompt. The people of Georgia are indebted to the present incumbent for a degree of devotion to duty and promptness and fidelity in its discharge highly commendable in a public servant.

(Signed) I. M. FELTON, Chairman.
W A GRAHAM,
ROBT HARDEN,
Senate Committee.
JAS C C BLACK,
E W MILLER,
T M PEEPLES,
H G TURNER,
J A SHEWMAKE,
WM M TUMLIN,
A D CANDLER,
House Committee.

LOOKOUT for Josh Billings, the famous American humorist

Postponement.

The Raffle for the fine Suit of Furniture at James L. Watkins' Furniture Store, 42 and 44 Whitehall street, is postponed until March the first, when it will be sure to come off.

Jas. L. Watkins invites everybody to call and examine his fine stock of furniture.
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Fine Cloaks and Shawls.

We wish to close out the above goods at a considerably reduced price. Call yourself of the opportunity and call at
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Why buy Shirts half made when you can buy them already made at the same prices. Hirsch's are selling the finest Wamsutta Mills Muslin 3-Ply Linen Shirt for $18 per dozen. Call and see them. No trouble to show goods, at HIRSCH'S,
feb25—dlw 50 and 52 Whitehall St.

ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO MY WIFE HAD A VERY TROUBLESOME COUGH, of so serious a character that we all became very anxious: indeed, it seemed that we had but little to hope for, as the Lungs were affected We tried various medicines, but very little if any benefit seemed to be derived from any of them; so that it appeared the disease had complete mastery, and nothing but death would bring relief. I was then advised to give Dr. D. Jayne's Expectorant a trial, and, to our surprise found great benefit from its use. Persisting with it, the gradual y commenced improving, until the principal symptoms disappeared entirely, and she has enjoyed reasonably good health every since.—John Musgrave, Hubbardsville, Kentucky.
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DEALING IN DELF.

The Bonanza Found in McBride's Shop—Its Colossal Calculation.

Almost a Brigade Engaged in the Work.

The Mechanics' Co-Operative Association Moves On.

Eloquent Remarks of Hon. O. A. Bacon on Adjournment of the House.

An Editorial Visit to Fulton County Jail.

In Which He Notes Some Matters of Interest.

MECHANICS' CO-OPERATION.

INTERESTING MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION.

A large number of the mechanics met at the Chamber of Commerce, Thursday evening, to hear the report of a committee appointed at a former meeting to draft a plan for the organization of a "co-operative association."

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, J. J. Ford, promptly at 8 o'clock.

After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, the report of the committee was called for.

Mr. H. I. Kimball, secretary of the committee, then read the report of the committee, and fully explained the purposes and objects of the association.

The hall was well filled by a very intelligent class of mechanics, who took a deep interest in the matter, and the report was ably discussed and unanimously adopted, as follows:

REPORT.

ATLANTA, Feb. 24th, 1876.

GENTLEMEN:—Your committee appointed to suggest a plan for the organization of a "Co-operative Association," beg leave to report as follows:

In the brief time allowed your committee, it has been impossible to procure but few statements and statistics from co-operative societies elsewhere, giving the practical results and advantages obtained by them, but are fully convinced by the few that we have seen, that such an enterprise in this city is not only entirely practicable, but if properly managed can be successful and of great benefit to its members. By co-operation there is much to gain, and nothing to lose.

It is well known that co-operative associations have been in successful operation in England for the past thirty years, and scarcely a city or village in the north are now without them and from every quarter we hear the most favorable reports in regard to the beneficial results which follow their organization.

We have not thought it advisable to undertake to present to this meeting any form of charter and by-laws, or to enter into the details of a plan of operations, for the reason that the experience of thirty years by others must have resulted in producing in the most minute detail a plan worthy to be adopted and followed by us.

Therefore we present for your consideration only such matters as we have thought important to be acted upon, preliminary to the legal organization of the association, all of which we regard of importance, and suggest that each item be carefully considered and acted upon separately.

We respectfully recommend,

1st. That the mechanics of Atlanta organize a society for the purpose of establishing a "co-operative store" for the mutual benefit and protection of its members.

2d. That the name of said society shall be "The Mechanics' Co operative Association."

3d. That the capital stock of said association shall be two thousand dollars, with the privilege of increasing the sum to twenty-five thousand dollars.

4th. That the shares in said association shall be five dollars each, but that no one person should be allowed to hold over one-tenth of the whole number of shares.

5th. That in all meetings of the association where a stock vote is required, each each person holding five shares or less, shall be entitled to one vote; persons holding ten shares and not to exceed twenty shares to three votes; persons holding twenty shares to three votes; those holding forty shares four votes; those holding eighty shares or more, five votes; but in no case shall any one be entitled to cast but five votes for stock held by any one person or firm.

6th. That in the preliminary organization of the said association, the membership shall be confined strictly to mechanics and those engaged in mechanical pursuits.

7th. That fifty cents per share shall be paid at the time of subscribing, seventy-five cents per share on or before the day of organization, and twenty-five cents per share each week thereafter until 50 per cent of the amount subscribed has been paid—the remaining 50 per cent to be paid out of the profits of the business.

No person shall be allowed to vote for officers who has not paid 25 per cent of the amount of their sub scription.

8th. That 10 per cent interest on the capital paid in should be paid to share holders before declaring any dividends to purchasers.

9th. That a committee of thirteen representing the various mechanical interests of the city and who shall declare their intentions of becoming members of this association be elected who shall organize by the election of a chairman, an treasurer and a secretary, and executive committee and whose duty it shall be to take all the preliminary steps preparatory to the legal organization of said association.

They shall apply to the superior court for a charter. Also prepare subscription books for the capital stock and employ at a reasonable salary some competent person to present the same to the mechanics of the city and solicit subscription. Issue receipts for money paid and in short to perform all the duties which would be supposed on them as directors of said association.

They shall give notice as soon as the charter is granted and call a meeting of the subscribers for organization.

They shall be individually liable for all moneys paid to them or their agent, but the same is turned over to the officers of the permanent organization.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

D G BROWN,
H I KIMBALL,
A HULBERT,
JOS GORDON,
J A LAFONTAIN,
J A VANWINKLE,
Committee.

The following persons were then elected according to the nomination of the committee:

A Hulbert, W H Trossell, J J Ford, Joseph Gordon, H I Kimball, R P Prince, L Bellingrath, J K Thrower, G Smith, John Davis, J F Rensard, J E Gullett, J C Kimball.

The meeting adjourned subject to the call of the committee.

"EXAMINE THE BOOKS."

ATLANTA, February 25, 1876.

EDITORS CONSTITUTION: Some persons who may read the article of Observer, which appeared in your morning issue, might be led to believe that the books of city officials had not been examined for th ee years.

This would be a great mistake. For the year 1873, the finance committee, Mr. Hood, chairman, with the aid of his book-keeper, who is a very fine one, examined all the books of all the city officers, and made a report of the examination to the mayor and council, which was published in the daily papers, and in pamphlet form. For the year 1874, the finance committee, Mr. McMillan chairman, togeth r with Prof. B. F. Moore, who is an expert in such matters, made a similar examination which was reported and pub lished as above stated. For the year 1875, I made in connection with the finance committee, a quarterly examination of the books, papers and accounts of all city officers through whose hands money pas ses, and reported the same in writing to the mayor and general council as required by the new charter, which reports were put upon the minutes. The final examination of the books of the tax receiver and collector and marshal was not made when the books of the other officers were examined, for the reason that they had not completed their work. I have no doubt of the fact that any gentleman who desires to examine into the finances of the city can obtain access to the books of any officer, at any time.

J. T. PENDLETON, Auditor.

A MODEL SENATOR.

During the continuance of the late session of the general assembly our reporter in the senate has been a close observer and accurate chronicler of the labors of those in whose hands was intrusted the burthen of state. The eminent ability he has always been one conspicuous figure—the chief of the senate from the 17th. Hon. George R. Black. Almost a stranger to us and we to him, it is doubly honorable and creditable to him that his services have been thus conspicuous. Constant in attendance, alert to the progress of business, quick in parliamentary law, able and earnest as an advocate, and well-grounded on principles of public right and justice, Senator Black has attained a leading position among the legislators of the state, and demonstrated his fitness for any position of honor and trust which the people may confer upon him. In his local affairs he has exhibited the keenest sense of duty and the largest possible desire to answer the wants of his people. In public matters he is to be counted on for that which is wise, expedient, economical and necessary. We know no discouragement to other senators so calculated to encourage the valuable and splendid services of Senator Black. He is a gentlemen universally esteemed at home and abroad, and we hear of his [illegible] is a strong

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WILLS MISSTATED.

He Denies and Denounces the Jackson—DaCosta Crew.

The Public Good is His Only Aim and What that Good Is.

The publisher has made in these columns yesterday morning concerning the row among the ragged-edge performers, seems to have worked an injustice, though unavoidable with our reporter, to Mr. Joseph G. W. Mills.

The letter of Jesse Jackson indicated that Mr. Mills was connected with the scheme to remove Barrow, (or prevent him from getting a reappointment to the office of United States district attorney for the northern district of Georgia, and to secure the appointment of a New York shyster, by the name of DaCosta, who was a commander of negro regiments in the colored army and one of the busy, nigger-hugging tools of the satrap, Pope, when he lorded it with bayo net over the people of Georgia.

Mr Mills denies that he had anything to do with the matter in the shape given it by Jackson, Warren, Rollo fellow and others of like odor. He denies that he authorized any one to connect him with their operations and denounces them as an unworthy set of malcontents and conspirators against the good of the state and people. He does not agree with them in any of their manipulations of this matter and publicly, upon the streets, gives the lie to any rumor, statement, or declaration that he has ever countenanced or co-operated with them.

THE PROF.

Mr. Mills is connected in a certain way with the business of selecting a successor to Barrow. He has the indisputable evidence of the fact and has no satisfied to us in the best possible way. We can therefore state that his position in the matter is purely a disinterested one, and affords him an opportunity of doing Georgia the service of giving her a worthy and able district attorney from among her own sons, and he promises to labor to this end. He, it is hoped, will succeed and we do, if he does, will applaud the act.

—Louis Seefield yesterday made the purchase of a site for his merchant rolling mill. The lot is 180x200, and is bounded by Whitside, Sidney, Louis and Catherine streets, and is known as the James residence. The price paid for the land and building was $7,500. Chattanooga Commercial.

—The Cleburne Guards are having their uniforms made of green cloth, trimmed with gold. They expect to don them on St. Patrick's day.

—That was sad. She expected to return to Covington, yesterday evening. She sent her trunk to the accommodation train and went up Whitehall street, shopping. The train left on schedule time and she was left behind.

—At the Markham: W. M. Moses, Savannah; Henry Cleveland, Salem, N. Y.; Major W. A. Turner, Newnan; W. L. Cowgill, Richmond, Va.

—J. F. Harrison Esq., will soon commence the erection of a handsome cottage near the railroad depot in Decatur. The lot is one of the most eligible and beautiful in that pleasant little town.

—Our readers have already been apprised of the fact that Mr. Scofield, of Atlanta, was making arrangements to locate in our city, and erect a factory for manufacture of merchant bar iron This gentleman on yesterday purchased the James property in South Chattanooga, consisting of the old family residence with two acres of ground in front thereof. On this ground the factory will be erected at a cost of some thirty thousand dollars. Mr. Scofield will speedily wind up his affairs in Atlanta, and commence operations here. We extend to him a cordial welcome. His well known sagacity satisfies him that our rising city is to be the iron emporium of the south—and for that matter of the continent, too, in the course of time.—Chattanooga Times.

—Hon. F. T. Colley left for Washington, yesterday.

—E. P. Speer, journalising clerk of the house, left for home yesterday. The last night of the session, he and Col. Sweatt worked all night. It will take three weeks of steady sleeping for them to catch up on all ep.

—Edwin Booth, on Thursday night, presented to the ladies in the audience some 300 large photographs of himself, and yesterday, J. L. Trimble & Co. were kept busy framing them.

—The Calhoun Times says that the Markham is fast becoming one of the most popular summer resting places in the state. The hospitality of Col. Owens is unexcelled.

—The Dahlonega agricultural college is rapidly increasing in popularity and members. There are two Professor Becks in the faculty. The junior Beck lectures on milk.

—Any member of the legislature who lost a $50 bill in the house Thursday will please report to THE CONSTITUTION reporter.

—Mr. Shewmake, of Burke, has been nominated for governor by the widows of the state as he has satisfied them that his bill was not aimed against them.

—Judge Rhett but, of Carroll, is on a visit to Gadsdenville, on important business.

—The appointment of Mr L W Thomas, as solicitor of the county court of Clarke county, we are pleased to learn, gives general satisfaction. Mr. Thomas is a young man of exceeding promise and fine attainments. He is a member of the law firm of Jackson & Thomas, of Athens.

—J D Williamson, of the law firm of Shumate & Williamson, of Dalton, was in the city yesterday. This being leap year, and he purchasing a fine trousseau, we presume he has answered "yes." Some fair lady will lead a Dalton belle to the altar soon

—The Atlanta Saving's Bank has had an automatic chronometer attached to their safe. This lock is fastened to the inside of the door, and when the works are wound up (as a clock) the bolts of the safe door are prevented from moving, so that it is impossible to open the safe until the proper hour arrives. Suppose the bank hours are from nine in the morning till four in the afternoon. The time lock is set for those hours; then at four it locks itself and all the bank officers combined cannot open the safe till time, when it unlocks itself. It is intended to run eight days, and can be wound up every forty-eight hours, and set at pleasure. It is also arranged so that every sixth day (Saturday) it locks itself for two days instead of one—thus remaining locked from Saturday afternoon until Monday morning. In a word the lock appears to be perfect.

—Rev. E. W. Warren, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, has received a unanimous call from the First Baptist church of Richmond, Virginia, to the pastorate of the church. We regret to learn that Rev. Mr. Warren has accepted the call. He has won the confidence and esteem of our citizens without regard to denominational lines, and his departure will be deeply regretted. It is generally believed that Rev. S G. Hillyer, D. D., of Forsyth, will be called to the pastorate of the First Baptist church as Mr. Warren's successor. Rev. Mr. Hillyer would be a valuable addition to our city, and would be cordially welcomed by all classes.

—Rev W C Dunlap has been placed in charge of Evans chapel, left without pastoral supply by the death of Rev. J. H. Harris.

—On last Sunday the congregation of the First Methodist church contributed $130 to the family of Rev J H Harris deceased.

—The American Gymnastic club of Atlanta will give an exhibition at the La-Grange Female college on the evening of March 17th. All the proceeds of the exhibition will be given to the college—the morning to escape, he delivered himself up when the supreme court affirmed his sentence. He solemnly asserted his innocence in the reporter's presence, and gave again the details of the killing of Frank Dunlap, which he repeatedly published. He says he will go to the penitentiary if he has to go, and endeavor to serve his time out as best he may, but thinks he is the victim of persecution. He has strong sympathy in his favor.

—Visitation from Governor Smith. His counsel, Messrs. Gartrell & Shorter, have drawn up a very strong application for executive clemency, and it will be presented at an early day.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE.

The other day, Captain Anderson, while going his rounds through the prison discovered that the inmates of cell No. 17 had been trying to put up a job on him The names of these gentlemen are Messrs. Sneatman, Moore, and Jacob Clay. The first two are United States prisoners. The last is a brick mason, and is held for a state offense. These enterprising spirits had battered down a considerable portion of the plastering from one side of the cell, and were preparing for further efforts, when the captain came upon them. They are now securely chained in a dungeon and are begging hard to be forgiven.

JAKE STAFFORD.

Stafford is quiet and very non-communicative. He has brightened up considerably since the supreme court granted him a new trial.

The total number of prisoners at present under the captain's parental care is seventy-five.

Of these five are women. The vast majority are United States prisoners held for various offences against the revenue laws. Capt. Anderson is very popular among his prisoners, for he feeds them well, and treats them well when they obey rules.

KIMBALL HOUSE ARRIVALS.

Russell Elliott and wife, Indianapolis,
J C Moore, W & A R R.
O O Nelson, R & D R R.
Dawson, Henry Haynes, Augusta.
Jas R Richards, Baltimore
J D Williamson, Dalton.
A Larmar, Ga.
W H Hi kman and wife, Va.
A T Akerman, Ga.
Geo W Sitkes, Mrs. A B Colt and child, Columbus, O.
C N Parmalee, Nashville.
Charles H Wells, Savannah.
J C McDonnell and Wife, Chicago.
H C Culberson, Cincinnati.
J J Fowler, Texas.
N J Creswell, S C.
J M Bailey, Louisville.
G Z Saunders, M Baird and wife, Philadelphia.
H G Sillick, N P Sillick, New York.

OFF FOR MARDI GRAS.

Quite a number left for Mardi Gras, last night, via the New Orleans short line. Among those going we noticed Mrs. E. F. Hoge, Mrs. P. H. Snook, Miss Gertrude Williams, Miss Eva Low, and others.

TOWN TOPICS.

—Miss Annie Camp of Marietta, who has visited Atlanta for the past few days in order to hear Booth, returned home yesterday. A number of friends regret that she could not be induced to stay longer.

—The police made not a single city arrest from yesterday morning to dark. Atlanta must be getting civilized at last.

—Mr Fred Dolling and Miss Fannie Feeny of this city were married night before last by Rev. W. B. Smith. We wish them much joy.

—Mrs. W. F. Clark has taken charge of the elegant boarding house known as the Grant building, corner of Pryor and Marietta streets. It is known as the "Masonic House."

—The Atlanta Music school has been removed to the Grant building, corner of Broad and Marietta streets. Prof. W. F. Clark is principal.

—J. Ben. Wilson & Co., now occupy Strong & Co's warehouse.

—The chief of police yesterday evening received a telegram from Conyers to arrest and detain a Mr. M. S. Street. The police soon arrested him and now hold him at the station house. The authorities at Conyers will reach here this morning. Of the nature of his offence we did not learn. A warrant has been received from Shelbyville, charging him with cheating and swindling. Street is about 35 years of age and is a renovator of bad by profession.

—The speech of our talented young

CITY LOCALS.

Anthracite Coal.—Just received two (2) cars Red Ash Anthracite Coal. If you want HARD Coal give me a call. No. 25 North Broad street, and on E. Hunter street, between Whitehall and Pryor streets. W. S. Wilson.

Wando Fertilizer and Acid Phosphate, made in Charleston, by the Wando Mining and Manufacturing Company. The undersigned are appointed agents in Atlanta for the sale of the above HIGH GRADE FERTILIZERS, and are now ready to supply all orders on short notice. Please call and see the analysis before buying elsewhere. Sold for cash or on time for cotton option notes. Mark W. Johnson & Woodruff, Atlanta, Ga., February 7th, 1876.

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

ATLANTA COTTON STATEMENT

ATLANTA, February 25, 1876.

Cotton closed at 11 for middlings. Lower grades neglected.

RECEIPTS FOR TO-DAY.

By wagon	15
Air-Line Railroad	9
Georgia Railroad	20
Central Railroad	60
Western and Atlantic Railroad	60
West Point Railroad	60
Total	54
Receipts previous	58,991
Total	59 445
Stock on hand September 1	375
Grand total	59,820

SHIPMENTS.

Shipments to-day	60
Shipments previous	49,870
Total	49,870
Stock on hand	9,950

RECEIPTS AT ALL UNITED STATES PORTS.

	1875.	1876
Saturday	9,277	11,735
Sunday and Monday	20,947	27,327
Tuesday	12,301	19,751
Wednesday	11,845	18,336
Thursday	11,885	16,564
Friday	11,084	15,229
Various	1,299	1,727
Total	78,228	111,062

Showing an increase of 33,830 bales, compared with corresponding days of last year

Liverpool Market,

LONDON, February 25. — The regular weekly circular of the Liverpool cotton brokers' association, issued last evening, says that cotton continues dull. Quotations for all descriptions are further reduced. American cotton has been in rather better demand, but the quantity offering is still so great that prices have further declined, a farthing for lower and ¼ for medium grades of middling, and fair qualities remain unchanged. The sea island staple remains in very moderate demand. Quotations of lower and middle grades of Florida have been reduced a half penny. The transactions in futures have increased, but prices, after some slight fluctuations, are fully ⅛ below those of last week.

Markets by Telegraph.

FINANCIAL

[By Telegraph to the Constitution.]

NEW YORK, February 25.—Money offered at 3 per cent.

Sterling a little weaker at 6½; gold 113@113⅛.

Governments active and strong; new 6ves 118¾.

State bonds quiet and nominal.

Stocks closed active and better: Central 115½; Erie 17¾; Lake Shore 64¼; Illinois Central 100⅝; Pittsburg 98¾; Northwestern 42¾; preferred 63⅝; Rock Island 110¼; Pacific Mail 31¾; Union Pacific 65¾.

Sub-treasury balances—gold $46 501,797; currency $27,265,981.

The sub-treasurer paid out $53,000 on account of interest and $593,000 for bonds; customs receipts $248,000.

COMMERCIAL.

Cotton.

(Special to the Constitution.)

Receipts at all ports to-day	15,999
Exports to Great Britain to-day	7,617
Exports to continent	2,401
Consolidated receipts	111,062
Consolidated exports	96,000
Stock in New York	169,683
Stock at all ports	861,149

NEW YORK, February 25.—Gold closed at 113¾.

Cotton—New classification: Spots closed quiet and steady; low middlings 11 15-16; middlings 12¾.

Futures closed firm; sales 40,000 bales; February 12⅜; March 12 17-32; April 12⅝; May 13 5-32@13 3-16; June 13 13-32@13 7-16; July 13 21-32@13 11-16; August 13 25-32 @13 13-16.

Associated Press Dispatches.

NEW YORK, February 25.—Cotton quiet and steady; sales 436 bales at 12⅜@12 15-16. Net receipts 2,336 bales; gross 3,053.

Futures opened steadier and closed firm, with sales of 40,000 bales.

The following table shows the opening and closing prices:

MONTHS.	OPENED.	CLOSED.
February		12¾
March	12⅜	12 17-32
April	12 11-16@12 23-32	12⅝
May	12 15-16@13 3-32	13 5-32@13 3-16
June	13 3-16@13¼	13 13-32@13 7-16
July	13⅜@13 7-16	13 21-32@11-16
August	13 17 32@13 25-32	13 25 32@13 15-16
September		
October		
Novem		
Dec		
January		

NEW YORK, February 25.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending to-day:

Net receipts at all U. S. ports	111,062
Same time last year	78,224
Showing an increase	33,830
Total receipts to date	3,402,390
Same time last year	2,702,346
Showing an increase	699,044
Net receipts this week	96,505
Same time last year	70,353
Showing an increase	26,153
Total exports to date	2,081,999
Same time last year	1,691,118
Showing an increase	390,881
Stock at all U. S. ports	861,491
Same time last year	829,145
Showing an increase	32,346
Stock at interior towns	124,318
Same time last year	119,605
Showing an increase	4,713
Stock at Liverpool	888,000
Same time last year	712,000
Showing an increase	176,000
Stock of American cotton afloat for Great Britain	278 000
Same time last year	336,000
Showing a decrease	142,000

LIVERPOOL, February 25.—5:30 P.M.—Cotton to arrive a shade firmer; sales on a basis of middling uplands nothing below low middlings shipped January or February per sail 6½.

GALVESTON, February 25.—Cotton nominal; middlings 12½; low middlings 11¾; good ordinary 10; net receipts 1,781 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,581; coastwise 41; sales 304; stock 60,161.

Net receipts for the week 8,475 bales; gross 8,533; exports to Great Britain 10,537; coastwise 3,588; sales 4,995.

NEW ORLEANS, February 25—Cotton quiet; middlings 12¾; low middlings 11; good ordinary 10; net receipts 4,764 bales; gross 5,428; exports to Great Britain 1,263; continent 2,016; sales 7,500; stock 380,120.

Net receipts for the week 33,465 bales; gross 36,913; exports to Great Britain 30,023; France 5,562; continent 7,429; coastwise 6,472; sales 6,472.

MOBILE, February 25.—Cotton firm; middlings 12¾; low middlings 11¾@11¾; good ordinary 10¾@10; net receipts 826 bales; exports coastwise 426; sales 1,200; stock 68,490.

Net receipts for the week 9,095 bales; gross 10,001; exports to Great Britain 4,442; France 6,515; channel 1,803; coastwise 2,567; sales 5,900.

SAVANNAH, February 25—Cotton dull and lower; middlings 12¾; low middlings 11; good ordinary 9¾; net receipts 804 bales; gross 918; exports coastwise 1,138; sales 775; stock 69,907.

Net receipts for the week 5,378 bales; exports to Great Britain 5,014; continent 5,110; coastwise 3,669; sales 4,085.

CHARLESTON, February 25.—Cotton quiet; middlings 11¾@12; low middlings 11½@11¾; good ordinary 10½; net receipts 845 bales; sales 500; stock 44,940.

Net receipts for the week 4,530 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,243; France 2,000; coastwise 1,116; sales 3,750.

WILMINGTON, February 25.—Cotton quiet; middlings 12; net receipts 467 bales; sales 71; stock 4,655.

Net receipts for the week 232 bales; exports coastwise 1,549; sales 357.

NORFOLK, February 25—Cotton dull; middlings 12; net receipts 1,808 bales; exports coastwise 286; sales 90; stock 16,918.

Net receipts for the week 5,681 bales; exports coastwise 6,475; sales 4,119.

PHILADELPHIA, February 25—Cotton dull; middlings 12¾; net receipts 202 bales; gross 1,468.

Net receipts for the week 2,795 bales; gross 4,206; exports to Great Britain 471

MONTGOMERY, February 25.—Cotton quiet and steady; middlings 11¾; net receipts for the week 611 bales; shipments 815; stock 5,724.

BOSTON, February 25.—Cotton dull; middlings 12¾; net receipts 39 bales; gross 1,736; stock 32,969.

Net receipts for the week 1,869 bales; gross 10,206; exports to Great Britain 1,850; sales 310.

COLUMBUS, February 25.—Cotton quiet middlings 11¾; net receipts for the week 451 bales; shipments 734; sales 170; stock 10,500.

MACON, February 25.—Cotton dull; middlings 11¾; net receipts for the week 505 bales; shipments 686; sales 741; stock 7,605.

MEMPHIS, February 25.—Cotton quiet; middlings 12; stock 66,513.

Net receipts for the week 14,770 bales; shipments 10,826; sales 9,300.

BALTIMORE, February 25.—Cotton dull; middlings 12¾; net receipts 93 bales; gross 599; exports coastwise 75; sales 265; stock 11,491.

Net receipts for the week 282 bales; exports coastwise 1,091; sales 675; spinners 419.

SELMA, February 25.—Cotton middlings 12¾; net receipts for the week 1,505 bales; shipments 1,060; stock 7,481.

PORT ROYAL, February 23.—Cotton net receipts for the week 466 bales; exports coastwise 665.

PROVIDENCE, February 25.—Cotton stock 15,000 bales; net receipts for the week 479 bales; sales 2,000.

NASHVILLE, February 25.—Cotton dull; middlings 11¾; net receipts for the week 1,483 bales; shipments 1,478, sales 1,300; spinners 19.

AUGUSTA, February 25.—Cotton quiet and steady; demand moderate; middlings 11¾; net receipts 479; stock, actual, 14,427.

Net receipts for the week 1,818 bales; shipments 1,401; sales 2,181; spinners 361.

Grain and Provisions.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS.

NEW YORK, February 25

Flour—in moderest request and unchanged; superfine western and state $4 25@$6 00; southern flour in fair request; common to fair extra $4 90@$5 75; good to choice extra $5 80@$8 75.

Wheat—less active and a shade easier; no grade winter red western $1 03; choice amber Pennsylvania $1 47.

Corn—a shade easier; fair business; new yellow southern 66¾; old western mixed, 68.

Oats—steadier; mixed western and state 45¾@49; white western and state 46@52½.

Coffee—Rio firm; fair demand; gold job lots 16@20.

Sugar—quiet and heavy; fair to good refining 7¾@7¾; refined unchanged.

Molasses—fair demand.

Rice—steady; fair demand: 48@62.

Tallow—steady at 9¾@9 5 16.

Naval stores—dull.

Pork—dull and lower; new mess $22 50.

Lard—lower; prime steam 13 25.

Whisky—lower at $1 10a $1 11.

Freights—quiet; cotton per sail ¼; steam ¼.

CHICAGO QUOTATIONS.

CHICAGO, February 25.

Flour—quiet and unchanged.

Wheat—active and lower; closed very weak; No. 1 Chicago spring $1 09¾; No. 2 do. $1 01¾ spot; 98¾ March; 99¾ April; $1 02¾ May; No. 3 do. 79.

Corn—dull and a shade lower; No. 2 mixed 41¾ spot; 41¾ bid for February; 42¾ bid for April; 46¾ bid for May.

Oats—dull and lower; No. 2 31¾ spot; 31¾ March; 32 April.

Barley—dull and lower; spot 54@55; March 54; May 51.

Rye—dull and lower at 65a65½.

Barley—dull and lower at $21 12½@$21 15 spot; April $21 85a$21 87½.

Lard—unsettled; spot 12 65; April 12 80.

Bulk Meats—dull and a shade lower.

At the afternoon call of the board, wheat was lower and weak at 97¾ March; corn lower, 41¾ March, oats lower, 31¾ March; pork easier; $21 83½ April; lard a shade lower; 12 60 March.

ST LOUIS QUOTATIONS

ST. LOUIS, February 25.

Flour—quiet and unchanged.

Wheat—dull and lower; No. 2 red winter $1 48 asked.

Corn—No. 2 mixed 38¾a39.

Oats—inactive. No. 2 34½ bid.

Barley—dull and unchanged.

Rye—dull and lower; 65 bid.

Provisions—easier; previous prices would have to be shaded to sell round lots; jobbing trade good at unchanged prices.

Whisky—inactive at $1 07.

Live Hogs—lower; packing $7 75@$8 10.

Cattle—dull and unchanged.

CINCINNATI QUOTATIONS

CINCINNATI, February 25.

Flour—quiet and unchanged.

Wheat—dull at $1.18@$1 25.

Corn—steady and in fair demand at 42@45

Oats—easier.

Barley—dull and nominal; No. 2 spring $1 00.

Rye—inactive at 76@78

Pork—inactive and advanced at $22 25 cash.

Lard—easier; steam 12¾; kettle 13¾@13¾; Bulk Meats—easier; shoulders 8¾@8¾; clear rib sides 11¾; clear sides 11¾@11¾.

Bacon—demand fair and firm; shoulders 9¾; clear rib sides 12¾; clear sides 13.

Whisky—good demand at full prices—$1 05.

Butter—good demand at full prices for best; sales of cho

A LOST HOUR.

A golden hour on a summer morn,
When half the world was still,
The dew was fresh in the new-mown hay,
And the bridal veil of the fair young day
Hung o'er the purple hill.

The sheep bells tinkled across the slopes,
Sweet as an elfin chime;
Butterflies flitted athwart the down,
Bees went murmuring, busy and brown,
Over the fragrant thyme.

A languid calm and a dull content,
Silence instead of speech;
The wind sighed low, and the lark sang high,
But the golden hour of our lives went by
And drifted out of reach.

We both went back to an eager life;
But in its pause to day
The dream of that golden hour returns,
And my jaded spirit frets and yearns
For one chance swept away.

The years creep on, and the heart grow tired
Even of hopes fulfilled,
And turns away from the world's strong wine
With fevered lips, that must ever pine
For that pure draught we spilled.

And yet, perchance, when our long day wanes
(Age hath its joys late born),
We shall meet again on the green hillside,
And find, in the solemn eventide,
The hour we lost at morn.

—St. Patrick's day next. Look up yer old hats, byes.

—The newly married senator's grown-up daughters exclaim with a "Christian sigh." "We'll have to call her ma!"

—An illegal holiday—Walking about the streets all day, with your hands in your pockets, waiting for something to turn up.

—A young lady went to a photographer recently, and wished him to take her picture with an expression as if composing a poem.

—The ladies in Paris wear ulsters, and enjoy as many pockets and as much buttoned roughness as they please.

—The Detroit funny man wonders to himself why it is that Senator Sharon, with three $2,000 chandeliers in his house, can not spell apopl xy right.

—The London Times says it is authorized to say that there is no foundation whatever for the statements which have been made with respect to the marriage of Princess Beatrice.

—"Insult Day" is what the Petersburg News calls the 14th of February. Its editor's valentines must have been of a most dis agreeably kind.

—The Georgian who was cast off by the nineteen-year old blonde for the sixty-four old Christiancy is going to hang around Washington until she becomes a widow and gets her thirds.

—A French physician advises consumptives to repose upon pillows covered with Russia leather, as it has been discovered that the peculiar odor of the leather is good for weak lungs.

—At the marriage of an Alabama widower one of the servants was asked if his master would take a bridal tour. "Dunno, sah; when old missus's alive he took a paddle to her; dunno if he take a bride to de new one or not."

—The way they weigh hogs in Kansas is as follows: They first tie the hog to one end of the rail, balance the rail on a fence with rocks tied to the other end, and then guess how much the rocks weigh.

—Miss Sara Jewett, who has just returned to New York, after a most successful tour at the south with a portion of the Fifth Avenue company, will shortly leave New York again on a "starring" tour with the new comedy of "Pique."

—The Chinamen living in New York to the number of 450, celebrated their new year at the Chinese temple in Baxter street, last Friday and Saturday. The temple contains several idols, the chief being "Fo." The lesser deities are: "King Heaven King," "Grasp Empire Heaven King," "Clear-eyed Heaven King," and "Light Heaven King."

—Miss Cushman, under new treatment, fully expected to recover, and as lately as the 19th instant, addressed a note to Mr. John McCullough, in which she said, "I wanted to ask you if next November and December were engaged at your theatre in California. I hope to be able to get well and go there, but I cannot positively decide until the middle of May."

—The Poughkeepsie Eagle says that a divorced husband recently met at the Hudson River railroad depot in that city his wife and child from whom he had been separated, and while the three were talking the second wife of the divorced man stood looking on. When the bell rang the man bade his first wife good-by, and hurried his second wife into the car.

—Mrs. Marie Bogy, mother of Hon. Lewis V. Bogy, United States senator from Missouri died a few days since at her home in Ste. Genevieve, Ill. The deceased had well-nigh completed her ninetieth year, and was believed to be the oldest native inhabitant of the state. She was the daughter of Vital Beauvais, of Kaska kia, the descendant of a family which emigrated to Illinois and Canada in 1740. Her death was the pure result of natural debility.

—Prince Louis of Battenburg, the pig-sticking aspirant for the hand of Prince Beatrice, is one of the small brood of the Coburg set, and has been dancing attendance at the English court for a year or two. The queen gave him a commission in the navy, in order that he might get out in the Scrapis to India with Wales.

—A new story of Washington has recently come to light. His personal friend, Gouverneur Morris, was about going to Europe, and Washington, along with several letters of introduction, gave him this charge: "To buy him at Paris a flat, gold watch; not the watch of a fool, or of a man who desires to make a show, but of which the interior construction shall be extremely well cared for, and the exterior air very simple."

Summary of State News.

ALBANY.

—Some planters of this section think that they will find no sale for their oats this season, on account of the extensive area and promising prospect of that crop. We see a cheering ray of light while viewing that prospect. We know of one planter in Lee county, who has sown cow peas with his oats, and when the latter comes off, the former will come on.—News.

AUGUSTA.

—The locomotive "Clinton," one of the finest engines belonging to the Georgia railroad, has been changed to a coal burner, and will make her first trip on Saturday.

—Hon. J. P. King, John Davison, esq., J. W. Davis, esq., Col. S. K. Johnson and Josiah Sibley, esq., of the Georgia railroad, and ex-Governor Joseph E. Brown, are in Port Royal and expect to return to-day.

—Judge Snead has awarded to Pendleton & Penny, the well known iron founders, a contract for furnishing one hundred and fifty milestones, to be distributed throughout Richmond county. They will be 3½ feet high, of ⅜ inch iron, and will cost $3 each. One contractor offered to furnish granite posts for $3 50 each.—Constitutionalist.

COLUMBUS.

—Gardening and corn planting have commenced in earnest in this section.—Enquirer.

COVINGTON.

—Major L. B. Anderson will in all probability remove to Florida in a few weeks.

—We learn that the young ladies of the S. M. female college will give a public concert some time during next May.

—It is said two Griffin men captured the horse Charlie Kelley was riding last Tuesday night.

—An old darkey broke up a negro ball the other night by scattering red pepper on the floor.

—We learn that fifteen young men have received notes from young ladies begging to be allowed the pleasure of accompanying them to the leap year party.—Enterprise.

CARTERSVILLE.

—There were only six cadets for the appointment of cadet before the examining board. The contest was so close between S W Johnson, of Cherokee county and Edgar Hubert, of Polk, that a committee revision of all the grades was necessary. The revision made the final grade very close, with a small fraction in favor of Mr. Hubert. The chairman announced the result in appropriate remarks, Mr. Hubert then returned thanks to the committee for the honor.

—Mr. S. Gregory, near Spring Place, Murray county, is one of our most successful farmers. He owns three hundred acres of land. He has about seventy-five acres in clover. He has returned $2,000 this season, and has $2,000 more. He also makes corn enough for home consumption and some to sell, the surplus of which brings him from $600 to $800 per annum. He makes also from 1000 to 2000 bushels of wheat for sale. He plants no cotton but makes all his own supplies, having to buy nothing except groceries. All of this work Mr. Gregory accomplishes with average of help through the year of eight hands, all white. Besides making and harvesting his crops a great deal of improvements is made upon the farm such as solid stone underdraining. Mr. G. has nine sons (all farmers) and one daughter. He is a widower and is a good catch for any widow willing to shed her weeds.—Express.

CALHOUN.

—The exceedingly mild weather has forced the fruit trees in bloom.

—The wheat crop of Gordon county is looking fine, and if no disaster in the shape of injuries from late freezes or rust an abundant crop will be produced. There is a large acreage sown.

—Many of our industrious citizens have taken the advantage of the mild weather the past week and broken up their gardens and put in seed for early vegetables.—Times.

DALTON

—In consequence of the mild temperature of the weather this winter, many persons have commenced garden operations—quite early for this locality. Some planted Irish potatoes before the mystic 14th.—Citizen.

GRIFFIN.

—We learn from a gentleman who has recently traveled through Upson, Pike, Merriweather, Spalding and Henry counties, that the wheat and oat crop never was more promising than they are at this time, and that there is a large acreage of grain sown.—News.

LAWRENCEVILLE.

—In Gwinnett county from August 1st, 1875, to February 1st, 1876, there were born 49 male whites, 31 female whites, 4 colored males, 4 colored females.

—Two men by the name of Austin and Patrick, who live in Yates' district, had an altercation, while under the influence of liquor, some time since. Austin bit one of Patrick's fingers severely in the difficulty. Patrick paid but little attention to the wound, and mortification of the wounded finger set in; Dr. Mitchell was called in, and after examining the wound found that it would be necessary to amputate Patrick's arm in order to save his life. The doctor performed the operation, taking off the wounded hand between the wrist and the elbow. He is now rapidly recovering.—Herald.

MORGANTON.

—Corn is selling for fifty cents cash, merchants offering sixty cents in trade.

—Wheat is selling at from one dollar to one dollar and twenty cents cash, and prospects fair for another crop.—Courier

MACON.

—A party of thirty Macon sportsmen went twelve miles out of the city yesterday morning, and returned yesterday evening with 547 birds. John Strong killed the largest number, having bagged fifty-nine. George Bedingfield, with a muzzle-loading gun, brought down forty.

—Booth had a true Atlanta reception Sunday afternoon. More than a thousand people assembled at the depot to stare at him as he passed from the coach to his hotel. It is possible that he thought he never saw the people in any Hamlet ler so at a stranger before.—Telegraph.

SANDERSVILLE.

—Mr. James Reynolds and Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, were joined in holy wedlock on the 13th inst. We learn that the blushing bride was born in 1808 and the youthful groom in the year 1809. Truly, we live in a precocious age!

—Last week a young couple in this city, of the colored persuasion, determined to unite their fortunes as husband and wife. The father of the girl opposed their marriage. The ordinary refused to grant a license. The would be groom went to Jefferson county and obtained the license. A colored ordained minister of this county performed the ceremony. The father of the young bride claimed that the marriage was illegal; first, because his daughter was under age, and secondly because the license was obtained in another county. The case was tried before C. C. Brown, Ordinary of Washington. After two days of preliminaries and trial, the court decided that the young groom was entitled to his sable bride. He says, "Dem two days was mighty long uns."—Herald.

SAVANNAH.

—Green peas, the first of the season have been placed on our desk, and they are Savannah growth.

—Monday Roberts, colored, was shot and killed 16 miles from Savannah by parties who mistook him for a noted outlaw and murderer.—News.

WAYNESBORO.

—A difficulty occurred in the lower part of the county on the 19th inst., which resulted in the death of a negro named Milo Williams. The negro had ridden a mule belonging to Mr. Warren Daniels, and upon being approached on the subject grew very insolent. Mr. D. struck him, when they closed in, and the negro threw him. Mr. Daniels drew a pistol and shot once over the negro to frighten him, when the negro attempted to take the pistol from him. Mr. D's wife came to the rescue, and the negro becoming frightened ran away. Mr. D. shot him as he ran.

—Joe Morris is endeavoring to rally the republicans of Burke county, as will be seen from the following pronunciamento which was handed to us a few days ago:

NOTIC
Feb 12d 1876

There Will be A Republican meeting held at Forrest Hill of 72d District of Burke County Ga to Reconsider & Reorganize Republican party Throughout County and We envite 16 delegates from each District to envestigate All difficulty of County matters and the legal laws of this State & the constitution Thereoff. Wherefore be it Resolved by The County & Excicution Committee of Burke co Ga. JOSEPH MORRIS
Feb 5d.1874. General Messenger.
—Expositor.

MARRIED IN GEORGIA.

—A J Coleman to Miss Mary C Woods of Emanuel county.

—James Reynolds to Mrs. Elizabeth Allen of Hancock county.

—Albert Davis to Miss Virginia Logan of Morganton.

—E D Moon to Miss Marietta Moore of Greene county.

—Marshal G Merritt to Miss Sarah C O'Neal of Greene county.

—A Q Dickinson of Taliaferro county, to Miss Mattie N. Daniel of Greene county.

—C. W. Medlin to Miss M. Lou Watson, of Union Point.

—F. Stocklein to Miss Mary Quinn, of Albany.

—J. E Chandler to Miss Mollie Moncrief, of Barnesville.

—Idus W. Shields, of Madison, to Miss Maria F. Wall, of Columbus.

DIED IN GEORGIA.

—James Steele, of Cherokee county, aged 65.

—Joel F. Smith, of Bartow county.

—G. A. Calley, of Savannah.

—J. B. King, of Morgan county.

—E. Newton, of Green county.

—Mrs. B. Pye, of Forsyth.

The Early Stages of Disease.

Those conditions of the body in which its functions are not performed with healthful activity, but sluggishly and irregularly, are in fact early stages of disease. They are, moreover, almost invariably the result of local or general weakness, which can only be permanently overcome by an efficient tonic. There is no medical fact more clearly established than that Hostetter's Bitters are admirably adapted to infuse vigor into the debilitated system, and to restore regularity to its interrupted functions. As weakness and irregularity are sure to develop into disease, the Bitters, by overcoming them, are the means of averting far more serious evil. Debility most frequently manifests itself in the organs of digestion and assimilation, two important offices, whose perfect performance is insured by the Bitters which also rectify kidneys, and fortify the system against malaria. feb8—dcod1w&w1t

MARKET REPORTS.

TELEGRAPHIC MARKETS.

NEW YORK, February 25.—Cotton quiet; middling uplands 12 15-16c; middling Orleans 13c; sales 1,000 bales; receipts 1,000 bales; futures opened steady; March 12 9-16@12 11-16; April 12 11-16@12 23-32; May 12 15-16@13 1-32; June 13 3-16@13¼; July 13¼@13 7-16; August 13 17-32@13 19-32.

Money 6. Gold 113. Exchange—sixty 4 86; short 4 90. Stocks active and lower. Governments active and steady. State boards quiet and better.

Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat quiet and unchanged. Corn dull and unchanged. Pork heavy at 23 75. Lard heavy; steam 13¾. Turpentine quiet at 36¼. Rosin quiet at $1 60@$1 67½ for strained. Freights firm.

LIVERPOOL, February 25.—noon.—Cotton dull and easier; middling uplands 6 3-16; middling Orleans 6¼; sales 10,000; speculation and export 2,000; receipts 7,000; American 3,000; sales for the week 52,000, including 4,000 for speculation, 7,000 for export; stock 838,000. American 479,000; receipts 50,000; American 40,000; usual export 6,000; afloat 397,000; American 278,000; and of American 33,000; cotton to arrive quiet; sales on a basis of middling uplands nothing below low middlings April or May delivery 6¼; do. June or July delivery 6⅜.

LIVERPOOL, February 25—3:30 p. m.—Cotton to arrive offerings light; buyers offering 1-32 cheaper; sales of middling uplands nothing below low middlings March delivery 6; do. May or June delivery 6 3-16.

LONDON, February 25.—Erie 15¾.

Atlanta Wholesale Price Current

[CORRECTED DAILY.]

CONSTITUTION OFFICE,
Atlanta, Ga., February 25, 1876.

Atlanta Money Market.

GOLD—
Buying.....112 Selling.....114
SILVER—
Buying.....104 Selling.....108
EXCHANGE—
Buying at...par Selling.....¼ prem.
BONDS—
Georgia 6s.....90@92 Atlanta City 8s..85@87
Geo. 7s...100@102 Atlanta 10s...103@104
Ga. 7s gold....107@102 Aug'sta City 7s.82@84
Ga. 8s.....108@105 Georgia R. R...96@98
Atlanta Water..79@82 A. & W.P.R.R.98@100
Atlanta City 7s.75@78 Savannah City..82@84
STOCKS—
Ga: R. R...76@78 A. & W. P. R. R 73@76
C. R. R....46@48

Atlanta Produce Market.

PORK—whole hog.....9¼
BEEF CATTLE.....2@5
EGGS.....11@12
BUTTER—
Country.....15@20
Tennessee.....22@25
POULTRY—
Grown chickens.....25@27½
Spring chickens.....2 @2½
Geese.....40@50
Ducks.....20
Turkeys.....75@$1 00
DRESSED POULTRY AND GAME—
Turkeys.....12@14
Chickens.....10@12
Geese.....10
Ducks.....12½
Squirrels.....10
Rabbits.....8
Possum.....
FEATHERS.....50@60
BEESWAX.....25@27
RAGS.....3½@3
DRIED FRUIT—
Peaches, unpeeled.....7½@8
Peaches halves.....8@8½
Peaches peeled.....10@12½
Apples peeled.....5½@6
Apples unpeeled.....no market

Atlanta Grocery Market.

CORN—
Prime white.....68@70
MEAL.....68@70
GRITS.....45 50@55 75
WHEAT.....$1 20@$1 45
WHEAT BRAN.....$1 10
BARLEY.....none
RYE.....$1 25
OATS.....80@70
HAY—
Timothy.....$1 10@1 25
Clover.....$1 00
Tennessee.....$1 00
POTATOES.....$3 00@3 75
PEAS—
Stock.....$1 00@1 10
Sweet.....75@90
CABBAGE.....market overstocked
ONIONS.....$3 50 per bbl
MOLASSES—
Barrels.....31@32
Tierces.....29@30
Hhds.....27@29
STRUPS.....50@60
MACKEREL—
No. 1 half bbls $7 50; kits.....$1 75 @2
No 2 half bbls $6 50; kits.....$1 25@1 40
No. 3 bbls $9 50; half $6 00; kits $1 15
COFFEE—
Rio.....21@23½
Java.....27½
SUGAR—
A.....11
White extra C.....10½
Yellow C.....10½
Yellows.....9½@9½
New Orleans.....10¼@10½
FLOUR—
Fancy.....$8 00@8 50
Extra family.....$7 25@7 50
Family.....$6 50@6 75
Extra.....$6 00
Superfine.....$5 50
BACON—
Clear sides.....none
Clear rib sides.....none
Shoulders.....10½
BULK MEATS—
Clear sides.....13¼
Clear rib sides.....13
Long clear sides.....13¾
Shoulders.....9½
HAMS—
Sugar-cured hams.....15½
Bulk hams.....12½
LARD—
Tierces.....14¼@15½
Kegs and cans.....15@16
Buckets.....14@16
HOMINY.....$5 00
CHEESE.....15
VINEGAR.....25@40
SOAP—
Poor man's.....$3 25@$3 50
Diamond.....$3 25@$3 50
English crown.....$3 25@$3 50
SUNDRIES—
Bologna.....12½@15
Dried Beef.....16@17½
Buckwheat Flour.....$8 00@$10 00
Atmore's Mince Meat, half bbls...12½

Wines and Liquors.

CORN WHISKY—
Proof, 100 per cent.....$1 45@1 50
80 per ct.....$1 20

Miscellaneous.

LIME—35@40; hydraulic $1 50.
NAILS—
10d, 10d.....$3 40
LEATHER—
Sole, hemlock, good damaged ..26@28
Good.....29@33
White oak.....40@50
Black upper.....40@55
SALT—
Liverpool.....$1 50
POWDER—
Rifle.....$6 00
Blasting.....$4 00
SHOT—
Buck.....$2 75
Drop.....$2 50
BAGGING—
Domestic.....14
Borneo.....14
Gunny.....none
IRON TIES—
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Pcd.....

Dry Goods.

TICKING.....8@24
STRIPES.....9@15
OSNABURGS.....10½@12
CAMBRICS.....6½@7½
PRINTS.....6½@7½
BROWN SHEETINGS.....8½@9
SHIRTINGS.....6½@8½
Bleached sheetings and shirtings.....8@15½
DOMESTICS—
4-4.....8@8½
7-8.....7@7½
5-4.....8½@9
YARNS.....$1 10

Fruits and Confectioneries.

APPLES—Georgia raised...$3 50@4 per bbl
Northern.....$5 50@6 00
PEARS.....$5 00@6 00
ORANGES—
Messina, each.....2½@3
Florida.....3½@4
LEMONS—
Palermo.....16@18 per box
RAISINS—
layers, whole, per box.....$3 00@3 50
Layer, half "".....$1 75@2 00
CURRANTS—
In barrels.....10
CITRON—
Leghorn per lb.....35
FIGS—
Selected Bella, drums per lb.....17½
DATES—In frails.....8½
PRUNES—In barrels, per lb.....14@15
NUTS AND ALMONDS—
Languedoc.....25
Tarragona.....25
Pecan Nuts.....20
Brazil.....12½@15
English Walnuts.....15@20
Filberts.....12½@15
PEA NUTS—
Tennessee choice, per bushel..$1 25@2
Wilmington, fancy, per lb.....9@10
TRACE—In five pound caddies—
Colonial.....$1 00@1 25
Imperial.....$1 00@1 25
FIRE CRACKERS—
No. 1 extra, 25 packages per box $3 50

Tobacco.

CHEWING—
Common, sound, 11-in new per lb. 45@50
Common, sound, 11-in old per lb. 35@35
Medium, 11-in old.....50@55
Good 11-in old.....60@65
Fine 11-in old.....70@75
Bright navys.....50@55
Eights 6-in.....60@65
Good.....70@75
Fine 12-in, pounds, good.....80@90
Straits AAAA.....11@19
Brown's Extra, 12-in.....11@60
Log Cabin, 12-in.....11@19
SMOKING—
Durham, per pound.....@65
Cavendish.....@1

TIME TABLES.

Georgia Railroad.

Day Passenger Train.

Leaves Augusta.....8 00 a m
Leaves Atlanta.....12 40 p m
Arrives at Atlanta.....4 00 p m
Arrives at Augusta.....8 05 p m

Night Passenger Train.

Leaves Augusta.....8 30 p m
Leaves Atlanta.....10 30 p m
Arrives at Atlanta.....6 05 a m
Arrives at Augusta.....7 15 a m

Covington Accommodation Train.

Leaves Atlanta.....5 00 p m
Leaves Covington.....6 50 a m
Arrives at Atlanta.....8 15 a m
Arrives at Covington.....7 00 p m

Atlanta and Richmond Air-Line RAILWAY

Commencing Sunda
MAY 30th, 1875.

PASSENGER TRAIN EASTWARD.
(DAILY.)

Leave Atlanta.....4 10 p m
Leave New Holland.....6 50 p m
Leave Mt. Airy.....8 16 p m
Leave Toccoa.....9 00 p m
Leave Seneca City.....10 21 p m
Leave Greenville.....12 12 a m
Leave Spartanburg.....1 44 a m
Arrive Charlotte.....5 30 a m

PASSENGER TRAIN WESTWARD,
(DAILY.)

Leave Charlotte.....8 00 p m
Leave Spartanburg.....11 54 p m
Leave Greenville.....1 28 a m
Leave Seneca City.....3 09 a m
Leave Toccoa.....4 34 a m
Leave Mt. Airy.....5 15 a m
Leave New Holland.....6 25 a m
Arrive Atlanta.....9 30 p m

ACCOMMODATION,

Leave Atlanta.....6 30 a m
Arrive Atlanta.....6 10 p m

Passenger trains Eastward connect at Charlotte with R. and D. trains, arriving at Richmond at 8:40 p. m., making close connections for all Eastern cities; also, with trains of C and O. Railroad for Virginia Springs, thereby avoiding midnight transfer at Charlottesville.

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G. P. & T. Agt, Louisville, Ky.
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Suwanee, September 17 1875—dtf

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Western & Atlantic Railroad

In effect December 12, 1875.

GOING NORTH. No. 1.

Leave Atlanta	4 20 p m
Leave Cartersville	6 37 p m
Leave Kingston	7 05 p m
Arrive Dalton	8 48 p m
Arrive Chattanooga	10 15 p m
Leave Atlanta	6 00 a m
Leave Carter ville	8 43 a m
Leave Kingston	9 12 a m
Arrive Dalton	10 57 a m
Arrive Chattanooga	12 45 p m
Leave Atlanta, except Sunday	3 40 p m
Leave Cartersville, " "	6 15 p m
Leave Kingston, " "	6 55 p m
Arrive Dalton, " "	9 40 p m

GOING SOUTH. No. 2.

Leave Chattanooga	4 00 p m
Leave Dalton	5 51 p m
Leave Kingston	7 35 p m
Leave Cartersville	8 05 p m
Arrive Atlanta	10 10 p m
Leave Chattanooga	5 15 a m
Leave Dalton	7 15 a m
Leave Kingston	9 11 a m
Leave Cartersville	9 45 a m
Arrive Atlanta	11 55 a m
Leave Dalton, " "	1 00 a m
Leave Kingston, " "	4 35 a m
Leave Cartersville, " "	5 20 a m
Arrive Atlanta, " "	9 05 a m

B. W. WRENN,
General Passenger and Ticket Agent.
WM. MACRAE, Superintendent

Central and Southwestern Railroads.

SAVANNAH, GA., January 1876.

ON and after Sunday, January 2, 1876, passenger Trains on the Central and Southwestern Railroads and Branches, will run as follows:

TRAIN No. 1, GOING NORTH & WEST

Leaves Savannah	9 15 a m
Leaves Augusta	9 15 a m
Arrives at Augusta	4 00 p m
Arrives at Macon	6 45 p m
Leaves Macon for Columbus	7 40 p m
Leaves Macon for Atlanta	9 16 p m
Leaves Macon for Eufaula and Albany	8 32 p m
Arrives at Columbus	1 00 a m
Arrives at Atlanta	5 02 a m
Arrives at Eufaula	10 23 a m
Arrives at Albany	7 45 a m

Making close connections at Columbus with Western Railroad for Montgomery, Mobile, New Orleans, etc. Sleeping cars run through Macon to Montgomery. At Atlanta with Western and Atlantic, and Atlanta and Richmond Air Line for all points North and Northwest.

Trains on this schedule to Eufaula and Albany Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

COMING SOUTH AND EAST.

Leaves Atlanta	10 35 p m
Leaves Eufaula	5 40 p m
Leaves Albany	8 20 p m
Arrives at Macon from Eufaula and Albany	6 40 a m
Leaves at Macon from Atlanta	4 00 a m
Arves Macca	7 00 a m
Arves Augusta	9 05 a m
Arves at Milledgeville	9 44 a m
Arrives in Eatonton	11 30 a m
Arrives at Augusta	4 00 p m
Arrives in Savannah	5 25 p m

Trains on this schedule leave Eufaula and Albany Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights,

TRAIN No. 2, GOING NORTH & WEST

Leaves Savannah	7 30 p m
Leaves Augusta	8 05 p m
Arrives at Augusta	6 00 a m
Arrives at Milledgeville	9 44 a m
Arrives at Eatonton	11 20 a m
Arrives at Macon	8 00 a m
Leaves Macon for Columbus	8 30 a m
Leaves Macon for Eufaula	8 45 a m
Leaves Macon for Albany	8 45 a m
Leaves Macon for Atlanta	8 40 a m
Arrives at Columbus	5 55 p m
Arrives at Eufaula	4 44 p m
Arrives at Albany	3 00 p m
Arrives at Atlanta	2 00 p m

Trains on this schedule for Eufaula, Atlanta and Albany daily. For Columbus, daily except Sunday.

Albany Train connects with Atlantic and Gulf Railroad Trains at Albany, and will run through to Arlington on Albany Extension daily.

Trains for Eufaula connect with the Fort Gaines trains at Cuthbert for Fort Gaines daily except Sunday.

COMING SOUTH AND EAST.

Leaves Atlanta	1 20 p m
Leaves Columbus	1 30 p m
Leaves Eufaula	8 20 a m
Leaves Albany	10 10 a m
Arrives at Macon from Atlanta	6 40 p m
Arrives at Macon from Columbus	6 55 p m
Arrives at Macon from Eufaula and Albany	5 30 p m
Leaves Macon	7 35 p m
Leaves Augusta	8 05 p m
Arrives in Augusta	6 00 a m
Arrives in Savannah	7 15 a m

Passengers for Milledgeville and Eatonton will take train No. 2 from Savannah and Augusta, and Train No. 1 from points on the Southwestern Railroad, Atlanta and Macon. The Milledgeville and Eatonton train runs daily, Mondays excepted.

WM. ROGERS,
Gen'l Supt. Central Railroad, Savannah.
VIRGIL POWERS,
Eng. and Supt. Southwest R. R. Macon.

Atlanta Wholesale Price Current

[CORRECTED DAILY.]

CONSTITUTION OFFICE,
Atlanta, Ga., February 25, 1876.

Atlanta Money Market.

GOLD—
Buying.....112 Selling.....114
SILVER—
Buying.....104 Selling.....108
EXCHANGE—
Buying at...par Selling.....¼ prem.
BONDS—
Georgia 6s.....90@92 Atlanta City 8s..85@87
Geo. 7s...100@102 Atlanta 10s...103@104
Ga. 7s gold....107@102 Aug'sta City 7s.82@84
Ga. 8s.....108@105 Georgia R. R...96@98
Atlanta Water..79@82 A. & W.P.R.R.98@100
Atlanta City 7s.75@78 Savannah City..82@84
STOCKS—
Ga: R. R...76@78 A. & W. P. R. R 73@76
C. R. R....46@48

Atlanta Produce Market.

PORK—whole hog.....9¼
BEEF CATTLE.....2@5
EGGS.....11@12
BUTTER—
Country.....15@20
Tennessee.....22@25
POULTRY—
Grown chickens.....25@27½
Spring chickens.....2 @2½
Geese.....40@50
Ducks.....20
Turkeys.....75@$1 00
DRESSED POULTRY AND GAME—
Turkeys.....12@14
Chickens.....10@12
Geese.....10
Ducks.....12½
Squirrels.....10
Rabbits.....8
Possum.....
FEATHERS.....50@60
BEESWAX.....25@27
RAGS.....3½@3
DRIED FRUIT—
Peaches, unpeeled.....7½@8
Peaches halves.....8@8½
Peaches peeled.....10@12½
Apples peeled.....5½@6
Apples unpeeled.....no market

Atlanta Grocery Market.

CORN—
Prime white.....68@70
MEAL.....68@70
GRITS.....45 50@55 75
WHEAT.....$1 20@$1 45
WHEAT BRAN.....$1 10
BARLEY.....none
RYE.....$1 25
OATS.....80@70
HAY—
Timothy.....$1 10@1 25
Clover.....$1 00
Tennessee.....$1 00
POTATOES.....$3 00@3 75
PEAS—
Stock.....$1 00@1 10
Sweet.....75@90
CABBAGE.....market overstocked
ONIONS.....$3 50 per bbl
MOLASSES—
Barrels.....31@32
Tierces.....29@30
Hhds.....27@29
STRUPS.....50@60
MACKEREL—
No. 1 half bbls $7 50; kits.....$1 75 @2
No 2 half bbls $6 50; kits.....$1 25@1 40
No. 3 bbls $9 50; half $6 00; kits $1 15
COFFEE—
Rio.....21@23½
Java.....27½
SUGAR—
A.....11
White extra C.....10½
Yellow C.....10½
Yellows.....9½@9½
New Orleans.....10¼@10½
FLOUR—
Fancy.....$8 00@8 50
Extra family.....$7 25@7 50
Family.....$6 50@6 75
Extra.....$6 00
Superfine.....$5 50
BACON—
Clear sides.....none
Clear rib sides.....none
Shoulders.....10½
BULK MEATS—
Clear sides.....13¼
Clear rib sides.....13
Long clear sides.....13¾
Shoulders.....9½
HAMS—
Sugar-cured hams.....15½
Bulk hams.....12½
LARD—
Tierces.....14¼@15½
Kegs and cans.....15@16
Buckets.....14@16
HOMINY.....$5 00
CHEESE.....15
VINEGAR.....25@40
SOAP—
Poor man's.....$3 25@$3 50
Diamond.....$3 25@$3 50
English crown.....$3 25@$3 50
SUNDRIES—
Bologna.....12½@15
Dried Beef.....16@17½
Buckwheat Flour.....$8 00@$10 00
Atmore's Mince Meat, half bbls...12½

Wines and Liquors.

CORN WHISKY—
Proof, 100 per cent.....$1 45@1 50
80 per ct.....$1 20

Miscellaneous.

LIME—35@40; hydraulic $1 50.
NAILS—
10d, 10d.....$3 40
LEATHER—
Sole, hemlock, good damaged ..26@28
Good.....29@33
White oak.....40@50
Black upper.....40@55
SALT—
Liverpool.....$1 50
POWDER—
Rifle.....$6 00
Blasting.....$4 00
SHOT—
Buck.....$2 75
Drop.....$2 50
BAGGING—
Domestic.....14
Borneo.....14
Gunny.....none
IRON TIES—
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Pcd.....

Dry Goods.

TICKING.....8@24
STRIPES.....9@15
OSNABURGS.....10½@12
CAMBRICS.....6½@7½
PRINTS.....6½@7½
BROWN SHEETINGS.....8½@9
SHIRTINGS.....6½@8½
Bleached sheetings and shirtings.....8@15½
DOMESTICS—
4-4.....8@8½
7-8.....7@7½
5-4.....8½@9
YARNS.....$1 10

Fruits and Confectioneries.

APPLES—Georgia raised...$3 50@4 per bbl
Northern.....$5 50@6 00
PEARS.....$5 00@6 00
ORANGES—
Messina, each.....2½@3
Florida.....3½@4
LEMONS—
Palermo.....16@18 per box
RAISINS—
layers, whole, per box.....$3 00@3 50
Layer, half "".....$1 75@2 00
CURRANTS—
In barrels.....10
CITRON—
Leghorn per lb.....35
FIGS—
Selected Bella, drums per lb.....17½
DATES—